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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation Parents:

We have successfully navigated our first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year during unprecedented times. During this time, we have been able to successfully launch the Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy, provide e-learning during fall break, and to have our various fall extra-curricular activities. Our employees are working harder than they ever have to serve our community and keep school in session.

Please take a moment to read through some important updates:

Community Spread

The Indiana State Department of Health maintains a COVID-19 dashboard. Approximately one month ago, they added a color-coded county map based on various data. The color-coded county map is updated each Wednesday. Currently, Dearborn County is rated at 1.5 on a 4-point scale. We are currently in Yellow. Based on current metrics, it is likely Dearborn County will move to Orange this week.

As you can see from the ISDH recommendations linked below, when community spread is at the Orange level, parents and students should consider limiting social events outside of school. In addition, schools are strongly recommended to move to hybrid learning for 6-12 students, and to only allow participants at extra-curricular activities with no spectators. While these are currently only recommendations, we face the real possibility of being required to implement any or all of them by the ISDH or local health department if the metrics continue to worsen. In addition, we may decide locally to implement any or all of them if we remain in Orange for an extended amount of time, or move to Red.

Please help us stay in school and continue with our extra-curricular activities by limiting your and your child's social events outside of school.

The color-coded recommendations can be found here:

https://www.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/images/ISDH_K-12_Color_Coded_Chart.pdf

E-Learning Survey

Please take a moment to complete the Parent E-Learning Survey. We need your input as we evaluate the Fall Break e-learning and consider possible changes for the Spring Break e-learning. Please note: this survey is regarding e-learning, and not S-DOA. A separate survey was sent out early this year for parent input.

<https://forms.gle/1LoN1iZd9DgoWJjo7>

2021-2022 School Calendar

The 2021-2022 school calendar was approved at the October 15, 2020 board meeting. It has been posted to our website and is linked below.

<https://www.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/essentials/2021-2022-school-calendar2/file>

Please note a few changes:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences have been moved to earlier in the school year to September 16-17. Our focus during the conferences will be to review formative assessment data collected at the beginning of the school year.
- We will use e-learning for snow make-up days. However, we will only use the for up to two (2) consecutive days. Therefore, some snow make-up days have been included in the calendar.
- March 14-16 of Spring Break will snow make-up days. March 17-18 of the first week, and March 21-26 of the second week will be dedicated Spring Break days.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,



Andrew Jackson
Superintendent