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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation Parents:

As you are likely aware, Dearborn County has been experiencing moderate to high community spread of COVID-19 for the last several weeks. A little over three (3) weeks ago, Dearborn County was placed in the Red category for high community spread. The positivity rate for Dearborn County has hovered around 15% for the last several weeks as well.

The moderate to high community spread has affected our ability to conduct traditional school. As was stated in our original re-entry plan, we will be flexible and agile as we navigate this difficult school year.

Please take a moment to read through some very important updates:

Grades K-5

Students in grades K-5 will continue with traditional school. This is consistent with the ISDH recommendations for grade schools when there is moderate to high community spread (Orange or Red designation). We have had very few COVID-19 positive students in grades K-5. In addition, when there is a COVID-19 positive student in grades K-5, there are limited close contacts due to cohorting in our elementary schools. Traditional school will continue for the foreseeable future.

Grades 6-12

November 16 - November 24th

All students in grades 6-12 will begin e-learning on Monday, November 16th. This will continue through Tuesday, November 24th. On Monday, November 16th, teachers will post assignments, but will not conduct office hours and will have limited access to their email. This is to allow teachers time to prepare for e-learning and hybrid learning. Teachers will provide live, synchronous instruction each day beginning on Tuesday, November 17th. Each teacher will follow the normal school schedule. Attendance and grades will be taken. Students are expected to connect via Google Meet each day during their regularly scheduled class time. The Google Meet link will be posted in Google Classroom.

November 30th - December 18th

All students in grades 6-12 will begin hybrid learning on Monday, November 30th - Friday, December 18th. Both groups will participate in e-learning on Mondays. Group A will come to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and participate in e-learning on Wednesdays and Fridays. Group B will come to school on Wednesdays and Friday and participate in e-learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students are expected to connect via Google Meet each day during their regularly scheduled class time during e-learning days. The Google Meet link will be posted in Google Classroom.

Some students will attend every day; certain special needs populations, Career Center students, co-op students, etc. Parents will be notified of groupings on Tuesday, November 17th.

The purpose of hybrid learning is to significantly reduce or eliminate close contacts.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Due to the fact we are not seeing COVID-19 spread in our schools or on our teams and clubs, extracurricular activities will be allowed to continue. Spectators and audience members will be significantly limited. Our plan has been approved by the Dearborn County Health Department.

Meal Service

Meal service will continue to be offered during both e-learning and hybrid learning. The schedule for meal pickup is as follows:

November 18th: 8:30 am - 9:30 am at ECHS (7 breakfasts and 7 lunches)

November 30th: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at ECHS (3 breakfasts and 3 lunches)

December 7th: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at ECHS (3 breakfasts and 3 lunches)

December 14th: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at ECHS (3 breakfasts and 3 lunches)

Any student in grades 6-12 choosing to participate in meal service is asked to complete the form:

<https://forms.gle/MqnxSRSYQXYxVr2g7>

Mifi Request

Any student in need of internet access can request a Verizon Mifi unit. To request a mifi, please access the request form below.

<https://forms.gle/wpKdg3yUV5yJMX3V7>

Members of the Same Household - Close Contacts

Per ISDH guidelines, all members of the same household are considered close contacts when any member of the same household is **confirmed** COVID-19 positive. However, due to the moderate to high community spread, effective Monday, November 16th, students shall be excluded from school when members of the same household are awaiting COVID-19 test results.

Sunman-Dearborn Online Academy (S-DOA) Transfers

Requests are now being accepted for students to transfer to or from S-DOA. Please use the form below to request to transfer to or from S-DOA for next semester. Please note, transfer requests cannot be revoked. Deadline to apply for a transfer is Wednesday, November 25th. Due to staffing issues, late requests will not be considered. Please use the form below to request a transfer **to** S-DOA, or **to** traditional school.

<https://forms.gle/vbkJdnRR2RLNyRCM8>

November 12th Board Meeting

For more information regarding the upcoming e-learning or hybrid learning, please take a few moments to watch the presentation at the November 12th board meeting. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM and can be accessed here.

<https://youtu.be/KRYwrxnbbn0>

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Andrew Jackson
Superintendent