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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the start of another school year! We hope you had a safe and renewing Summer with your families. We are excited to see your student(s) back for in-person learning again this Fall and are committed to working with you on another amazing school year. Together, we are sure we can keep our students safe and provide an excellent education.

In an effort to provide the best education possible:

- All of our students will return to school for face-to-face instruction this fall.
- We will resume our standard school schedule, with school starting close to 8:00 and ending between 2:45 and 3:00 (contact individual schools for specific start and end times) Monday through Thursday, with an early release on Friday.
- Any families who may be worried about sending students to school this fall can contact building principals to make arrangements for at home learning similar to last school year.

House Bill 1007, which passed during a special session of the Utah State Legislature in May, states face coverings will **NOT** be required after the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

The law outlines the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah State Superintendent, and local school board “may not require an individual to wear a face covering to attend or participate” in in-person instruction, district or school-sponsored athletics, extracurricular activity, or in any other place on the campus of a school or school facility.

That means when school begins, K-12 students will not be required to wear masks at any time under any circumstance.

However, students, faculty members, and visitors to our schools may wear face coverings if they choose to do so.

COVID-19 testing will **NOT** be required in most circumstances, including for extracurricular activities. According to state law, testing will only be required if a school has more than 30 positive COVID-19 cases. If this happens, students must be tested to remain at the school for their learning and extracurricular activities, “test to stay”, unless they have been immunized or have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the previous 90 days.

In the case that a student or faculty member has a verified positive COVID-19 diagnosis, that person will be isolated and not allowed to return to school until the isolation period is completed.

Quarantine decisions will be made by the Health Department in consultation with school officials and parents. Parents/guardians will be notified if their student is potentially exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The notice will recommend that the exposed student remain at home for up to 10 days or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test, unless they:

- Are fully immunized, or
- Have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 90 days, or
- Choose to wear a face mask at school during the quarantine period.


The Utah Department of Health recommends the following layered prevention strategies in K-12 schools:

- Encouraging everyone 12 years and older to get vaccinated for COVID-19
- Wearing a mask when indoors
- Isolating at home if you test positive for COVID-19
- Quarantine and other protective measures after a school exposure
- Testing for COVID-19
- Staying home when you’re sick
- Physical distancing and cohorting
- Improving or increasing indoor ventilation
- Hygiene practices
- Cleaning and disinfection

More information can be found here: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/education>.

Thank you for all you do to support your student(s) and the schools. We look forward to a great year ahead.

Randy Shelley

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Shelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Superintendent