

January 29, 2021

Greetings,

This has been an eventful month, most notably the lifting of the Regional Stay at Home Order. Prior to this we had been working on our Athletics Conditioning Plan that quickly changed to include practices and contests. In the coming weeks, competition between schools will happen. We are taking a staged and measured approach to keep our students and staff safe. More information will come from the ADs and administration. We are so excited for our students to participate in sports. Please see the attached press release to learn more.

Like many of you, I am frustrated by the roll out of the vaccines. The County is struggling to get enough here to the valley, then mid-month the CDC changed its guidance to service individuals 65 and older which put a wrinkle in the County's vaccine plans. All this being said, the process of how and when educators can get a vaccine is still being worked on. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

The State has updated its guidance on reopening of schools with a push to get more Tk-6th graders in the classroom. This does not affect our District, but it does impact our feeder schools and many of you that are parents of young children. The new guidance also includes updating our safety plan and more regular testing. We continue to prepare and adjust to these new expectations. With some luck, vaccines and improving conditions, we might return for limited students on campus later in the spring and some form of in-person graduation ceremonies for our seniors. Until then, do your part: wear a mask, maintain physical distances, wash your hands.

I feel a greater sense of hope for our students now than last month. Our students look to you regardless of your job. Each one of you can smile, encourage and be the example of brighter days ahead. Together we can do this.

Stay Safe,

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