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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation Parents:

I hope this letter finds you healthy and eager to send your student back to school for the 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

Per federal requirements, the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan must be approved every six (6) months and was approved at the December 9, 2021, Board Meeting without modifications.

Since then, there have been changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) protocols regarding quarantine timelines. In addition, we have seen a steep increase in COVID-19 cases in the county and across the state.

In response, some temporary changes to our staff protocols have been implemented immediately and will be in effect until no longer needed and cases decrease. The staff protocols are an effort to ensure sufficient staffing to continue in-person instruction during the wave of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Examples of the updated protocols include closing staff lounges with staff eating lunch in their classroom, moving all meetings to virtual, and taking extra care to maintain social distancing as much as possible. We will also follow the new CDC and IDOH guidelines regarding COVID-19 positive staff or close contacts outside of school. Staff will be permitted to return to work after five (5) calendar days and required to wear a mask through ten (10) calendar days.

Regarding student protocols, very little has changed at this time. For the time being, we will limit volunteers in the school and classroom as well as non-essential visitors. Students will continue to be excluded from school for ten (10) calendar days for a COVID-19 positive or close contact outside of school. Once our students are back in school and we can monitor our school data, reduction in the exclusion time for students may be considered.

I am very much looking forward to seeing your students back in school. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jackson  
Superintendent