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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools Parents:

I hope this letter finds you all well. It is hard to believe we are ready to begin our last week of e-learning for the 2019-2020 school year. Looking back, the rate of change through the COVID-19 pandemic can cause one's head to spin. Back on March 13th, I announced we would not use March 16th and 17th as snow make-up days, schools would be deep cleaned and sanitized for students to return on March 30th. Less than a week later, on March 19th, Governor Holcomb ordered schools closed until May 1st. Then, on April 2nd, Governor Holcomb ordered all schools closed until the end of the school year, ordered we conduct at least twenty (20) days of e-learning, and ordered all school campuses closed until June 30th.

The most recent guidance from Governor Holcomb from the Back on Track documents states a decision for schools after June 30th will not be determined until later.

During this unprecedented time, I continue to be inspired by our staff, students, parents, and community. Our staff has gone above and beyond to serve our students and families. Parents have partnered with us to ensure high participation. We have made the best of a bad situation. It is my privilege to lead a school corporation of such great teachers, staff, students, and parents.

Parents letters will continue to be sent via School Messenger throughout the summer. There are still many decisions to be made. Please be sure to continue to check your email for updates.

Please take a moment to review some important updates below.

Student Meal Service

The last day of student meal service will be Thursday, May 21st.

Summer School

Summer School will be offered to selected students in grades K-8. Summer School will be via e-learning, and will run from June 2nd - July 23rd. Teachers will post Language Arts, Reading and Math lessons for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will be very similar to the current schedule, but teacher office hours will be from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM only. Your principal will contact you if your student has been identified for Summer School.

In addition, a summer Reading calendar and summer Math calendar will be developed for all students in grades K-8. Students and parents will continue to have access to free resources to work on important Reading and Math skills.

Similar to past summers, credit recovery will be available for students in grades 9-12. High school counselors will contact students directly to register for credit recovery classes, and a Google Form will be provided for verification. The credit recovery classes will be conducted online through PLATO learning software.

Student Personal Belongings (Grades K-11)

Student personal belongings may be retrieved the week of June 1 - 5. In order to make the process as efficient as possible, please complete the Google Form to request your student belongings.

<https://forms.gle/p3YxUCyUibVVyALr8>

Specific dates, times, and pickup points will be published the week of May 25th. During the process to retrieve your student belongings, you will be required to bring your student textbooks, library books, mifis, and any other school items.

Chromebooks (Grades K-11)

All students will keep the school issued Chromebook over the summer. Access to free academic resources will continue through the summer so that students and parents can focus on various skills. This is in addition to the calendar of activities provided for students in grades K-8.

As a reminder, please use the E-Learning Chromebook Support form for any support. This will continue to be monitored throughout the summer.

<https://forms.gle/VTQFuK4v8hBNnp7AA>

COVID-19 Webpage

Additionally, this letter and all other supporting documents and links can be found at the Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools COVID-19 webpage at:

<https://www.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/information/covid-19>.

As always, please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Andrew Jackson
Superintendent