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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools Parents:

The 2019-2020 school year was certainly a school year that will long be remembered and written about in history books. The end of the year presented unique challenges... distributing 1,600 Chromebooks to our elementary students, implementing distance learning, supporting students and families with limited staff reporting to work, honoring the Class of 2020 in an appropriate and safe way, etc. Through it all, our students, parents, community, staff, and especially our teachers have met the challenge with grit and determination. Back in March, I sent an email to my staff stating that we were about to learn what we are made of, and what we are capable of. I cannot be more proud of them.

Moving forward, we know there are many challenges regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Last week, State Superintendent McCormick notified schools of the following: "In partnership with the Indiana State Department of Health and FSSA, IDOE has created a re-entry guidance document for the 2020-2021 school year. This document has been delivered to Governor Holcomb's office for final review and approval. Dr. McCormick will schedule her next webinar to coincide with unpacking this re-entry guidance once it has been approved and presented by the Governor."

At this time, we do not know any details of the re-entry plan. We do not know how specific it will be, or how much of the plan will allow for local decision making. With that said, our re-entry plan will be based on the following principles:

1. Our plan will conform with guidance from the Governor, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), including strict enforcement of any requirements for staff, students, and visitors.
2. Our plan will provide for staff and student safety with protocols and procedures in place to mitigate any health risk to the best of our ability.
3. Our plan will provide for flexibility as this continues to be a fast-changing situation, including the possibility of a surge in cases after we return in the fall.

In order to better prepare for the state re-entry plan, a parent survey has been developed for feedback. Please remember, the specifics of the re-entry plan have not been decided. The questions in the survey should not be construed as to what the plan will be. This is a survey to receive parent feedback as we develop the specifics of the re-entry plan. Please take a few moments to complete the survey:

<https://forms.gle/5vepAKAQaHBt3Hyt8>

Please see below for some additional information.

### **Student Personal Belongings**

If you have not requested your student's personal belongings, please contact your building principal directly. Our school buildings close for the summer on Monday, June 22nd. Any school supply items not retrieved by then will be disposed of, and any small clothing items will be donated. We will keep electronic or larger clothing items of significant value until the start of the school year.

### **2020-2021 Student Registration**

Online student registration will be active on Monday, June 15th, through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. An email reminder will be sent. Please be sure to register for next school year. Online registration is required for all parents and students. If you are unable to register online from home, internet and computer access will be provided for parents during Book Days.

Traditional student registration, known as Book Days will be on July 29th and July 30th from 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM and July 31st from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The schedule for Book Days may change dependent upon re-entry recommendations from IDOE, ISDH, and the Governor.

Please do not hesitate to 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, looped initial 'A'.

Andrew Jackson  
Superintendent