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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation Parents:

Words cannot express how pleased I am to write this letter. I am certain it will be met with similar excitement from our parents, students, staff, and community. It has been nearly two years since my first COVID-19 parent letter.

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) recently announced we would transition from the pandemic phase towards an endemic phase for COVID-19. With that, I am happy to announce many changes to our school COVID-19 protocols.

The following changes will be implemented effective immediately:

- School will no longer contact trace and notify parents of a COVID-19 positive student or staff member.
- Students will no longer be excluded from school when a member of the household is confirmed COVID-19 positive or symptomatic.
- Students who are COVID-19 positive will be excluded from school for five (5) calendar days after the onset of symptoms and may return after the exclusion if fever free for at least twenty-four (24) hours.
- Parents/guardians should call the school attendance line for all student absences, as usual. We will discontinue our internal COVID-19 database, but will mark COVID-19 positive students absent in PowerSchool. (This is due to the fact we are required to report to our local health department if the total number of students absent due to being COVID-19 positive reaches 10%.)

I would like to close by thanking our staff for tirelessly working to support our students, parents, and community, time and time again. Repeatedly they were asked to step up and answer the call. They never let us down.

Sincerely,

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