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Dear Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation Parents:

On March 10, 2020, I wrote my first “COVID-19 Parent Letter.” Today, I write my 36th “COVID-19 Parent Letter” and I hope it is my last. I am sure many of you do as well.

We have concluded a successful 2020-2021 school year, culminating with Commencement at East Central High School on June 6th. While the school year presented many unique challenges, it also presented many opportunities for learning, growth, and reflection.

We learned what our staff, students, parents, and community are made of. We saw the determination and grit we needed to persevere through a very difficult school year. We showed growth in areas of patience, understanding, and grace. We improved our ability to provide instructional programming using technology either through e-learning days, remote learning days, or a fully functional online academy. We reflected throughout the school year on what was working, what was not working, and made adjustments accordingly. We continue to reflect on the past school year as we plan for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for all your efforts this past school year. I realize it was not easy for parents. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

We are now ready to move forward to the 2021-2022 school year. As part of the preparations for the upcoming school year, we are required to submit a board approved Return to In-Person Instruction (IPI) Plan. The IPI plan was presented and approved at the June 10th board meeting. It gets us back to normal and focuses on two areas - cleaning/sanitizing and contact tracing.

We have learned a great deal about cleaning and sanitizing during COVID-19. We will continue to clean and sanitize classrooms and buses at the end of each school day and we will continue to clean and sanitize school clinics throughout the school day. We will also continue to use water bottle fillers instead of drinking fountains.

In January, we received approval from the Dearborn County Department of Health to no longer exclude students from school if determined to be a close contact in the school setting. Students were excluded from extracurricular activities. Any students determined to be a close contact outside the school setting were excluded from school. **Please note - we will only conduct contact tracing and exclusion from school if required by the Indiana State Department of**

Health. We continue to wait for further guidance on this topic. The IPI Plan provides additional student excused absences if we are required to contact trace and exclude from school. Facemasks and coverings are not required, but will be permitted if the student or staff member so chooses.

For more information regarding the IPI Plan, please go to our COVID-19 webpage linked below. There you will find the full IPI Plan, a PDF copy of the slides from the board meeting presentation, and link to the board meeting to watch the presentation.

We are very much back to normal for the upcoming school year. There are many exciting things happening at Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools. Over one hundred of our teachers are attending professional development this summer. Topics include instructional technology and using data to inform instruction. Our building project continues to make great progress with too many upgrades and improvements to list in this letter. I encourage you to follow the building project updates on our Facebook page linked below. More information about the building project can also be found at the building project webpage linked below.

We are looking forward to welcoming your students back to school on August 4, 2021. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

#WatchSunmanDearborn

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "A" and "J".

Andrew Jackson
Superintendent

Sunman-Dearborn COVID-19 webpage
<https://www.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/information/covid-19>

Sunman-Dearborn Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/SunmanDearborn>.

Sunman-Dearborn Building Project webpage:
<https://www.sunmandearborn.k12.in.us/information/2019-feasibility-study>