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Selinsgrove Area School District Community:

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Throughout the past two months, the Selinsgrove Area School District has been actively developing a plan to safely reopen schools which would satisfy state requirements and reflect the desires of those within the school district community. With school board approval for the reopening plan scheduled for Monday, August 10, we have created a process to consistently solicit feedback, yet remain aware of the ability for expectations beyond our control to change. Today, we present to you our up-to-date draft plan and supporting resources to help you understand your options for the 2020-2021 school year. Be assured that all decisions and subsequent plans are a direct result of the feedback we received from all stakeholders. Families, faculty, and staff provided a wide-range of viewpoints and preferences. This plan balances all community feedback with state requirements and expectations.

Survey data collected has provided the district with consistently valuable information. The feedback has shown that about 80% of our families plan to have their child(ren) return to school in an in-person manner. It is important to note that all grade levels (K-12) were evenly represented in the surveys due to the large quantity of families who provided feedback. The most recent guidance from the PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Education supports a reopening of schools with health and safety measures in place, while dually preparing for a potential need to provide a distance learning option in the event of another school shutdown. SASD's plan provides evidence we listened to you while remaining cognizant of recommendations from the State of Pennsylvania. SASD's plan is predicated upon a Flexible Instructional Model (FIM) which enables families to choose the format of their child's education.

The three options for families to choose from are: In-Person (one-hour delayed start - daily), Distance Learning, and Full-Year Cyber. *Please see the accompanying information page which outlines these options in detail.* As a district, we are advocating for you to choose either in-person or distance learning due to the consistency it provides your child long-term from a curricular standpoint, as well as its likelihood to keep you connected to the school district and benefit from what we have to offer. From a financial standpoint, the district and its programs will be negatively impacted if we have increasing numbers of families choose an option other than in-person or distance learning with our teachers. Our teachers are working hard to ensure that all students receive a high-quality instructional plan for learning next month. All SASD students will receive a personal device and all students in the in-person and distance learning model will consistently have access to online learning materials, generated by their teacher(s).

We are confident that your desires are reflected in this plan and that we are balancing all viewpoints. We will be reaching out to you in the near future for feedback pertaining to the plan to ensure our community is accurately represented. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to build our plan together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank R. Jankowski