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Dear Pirate Nation,

HAPPY SUMMER! WE ARE MISSING YOU!

I hope that everyone is finding downtime to relax whether that is a beach in Florida or a hammock in your backyard. While some people think summer is a time when things slow down for a school district, it actually could not be further from the truth! We have been working around the clock to deep clean buildings, order new equipment and resources, complete deferred maintenance projects, and hire staff. Can you believe that in less than 6 weeks students will be back in school? **We cannot wait to welcome them back!**

At the current time the District plans to continue to maintain COVID-19 mitigation strategies such as hand sanitation stations and frequent handwashing, but masking will remain optional. Unlike last school year, we will not offer a remote learning opportunity taught by Piper School District Teachers, but you can contact your building principal if you have a need for a virtual option.

As we did last year, we share weekly updates of COVID positive cases for both students and staff. Additionally, the Board of Education is dedicated to keeping this a point of discussion at their monthly meetings. This summer we have had two positive cases at our Summer Y-Care site and there have been no positive cases reported at summer school.

Free Meal Extension for 21-22 and Household Economic Survey

As you may be aware, the United States Department of Agriculture has approved the extension of its free meal program for all students for the 21-22 school year. The district recently released the Kansas Department of Education Household Economic Survey through the Skyward Family Access Portal. This survey replaces the previous Free and Reduced Lunch Application that many families may have completed in the past which is no longer necessary due to the USDA extension.

It is extremely important for our district funding sources that all families who have previously qualified for the free and reduced lunch program or have endured financial hardships due to COVID or other circumstances complete this survey. The results of this survey will also be used to determine those families who qualify for free or reduced learning resource fees, pay to play fees, and course fees. In addition, the results may be used to apply for available state and federal benefits, such as the Pandemic-EBT through the Department of Children and Families.

For those needing to complete the survey, please log in to your Skyward Family Access Portal. You will see a notification indicating you have an Online Form ready to be completed. Please note, families that have multiple children only need to complete one survey per household.

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Enrollment Reminder

As I mentioned above, we are quickly approaching the start of the 21-22 school. Please make sure you have enrolled/re-enrolled all of your children through Skyward, submitted required documentation, and paid all applicable fees. These steps are required for your child to be on an elementary class list or receive their schedule in August.

As last night was our July Board of Education meeting, I would love to take this opportunity to update you on items approved by our supportive Board of Education. Two big-ticket purchases included new equipment for the Piper High School Weight room and 150 Chromebooks to ensure every student in the district has a 1:1 computer device. Additionally, the 2021-2022 Negotiated Agreement and an adjusted classified salary schedule were approved by the Board.

Proud to a Pirate!

Dr. Jessica Dain
Superintendent of Schools