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SAU 7 Celebrates the First Day of School!

It is truly wonderful to see our students and staff back in our buildings again after many months away. After a summer of planning, training and preparation, we welcomed our students back to school in SAU 7 on Tuesday, September 8. We began full day in person instruction following our Back to School Guidelines.

Superintendent Dr. Debra Taylor visited each school on the first day, welcoming students and checking with faculty and staff. She stated, "I am so proud of our students and staff for their efforts and appreciative of the support and confidence of our parents and community."

Colebrook Academy & Elementary School

As students arrived at school the first day, they were greeted by teachers and staff clad in Colebrook Mohawk attire and CAES Green face masks! (See pictures below: Lisa Kenney left and Becky Haily right)

The Student Council members did a "Chalk the Walk" for students, so when students arrived there were inspirational and motivating messages like, "We are all in this together!" Included were drawn pictures like the one below that states, "Smiles are contagious, too!"

Students were able to meet with all their teachers and classmates and discuss their summers and ask questions about what the year will look like. Teachers reviewed expectations and daily procedures with students. Parents reached out to Principal Kim Wheelock to tell her the students had a great first day.

Pittsburg School

Pittsburg School Principal Elaine Sherry and staff happily greeted all students as they arrived on Tuesday, excited to begin the school year! The buses pulled in followed shortly by parents and

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student drivers on our first day back to school. Students stepped off the bus and out of vehicles proudly sporting a variety of masks. We could only see their eyes, but we could tell they were all happy. Students were excited to see their friends and instructors. Many of the students reported how happy they are to be back. Instructors are getting reacquainted with the students and figuring out where the students are academically. Unanimously, the staff report that it is wonderful to have all the students back in the building. The first day was exciting and we look forward to all the amazing learning that will take place this year.

Stewartstown Community School

At the Stewartstown Community School Principal Jen Mathieu and school staff eagerly met students in the morning as they arrived, leading them to the appropriate classroom where they were greeted with big smiles and "air hugs". Even though all were masked, it was evident that the smiles of staff and students, alike, spread from ear to ear. The sounds of students in the building was music to our ears! Staff spent time going over new routines and expectations, helping students to better understand the guidelines that need to be followed at school at this time. More importantly, staff spent time talking with students and enjoying their presence, after not seeing them for 6 months!

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We are extremely proud of our students for their cooperation as we work to make this year a great one! Our teachers, support staff and custodians also deserve a tremendous amount of recognition and support for the extraordinary amount of time, effort they have devoted to getting this school year up and running. Without their dedication, flexibility, and passion, this would not be possible!

While our community has been challenged by the COVID 19 pandemic, each and every day we are encouraged by the support of our partners. For example, the Kiwanis Club and Key Club Members worked hard this summer making masks for our students. Over 100 student masks were provided to Colebrook, Pittsburg and Stewartstown Schools for distribution to our students as needed!

Everyone did a terrific job with physical distancing and adhering to all our health and safety protocols. By continuing these efforts, we can increase our chances of moving forward with in-person teaching and learning throughout the school year.

While we are pleased that our schools are open this fall, we are also preparing for the possibility that further closures may become necessary should COVID-19 come to our community. Our teachers and staff are ready to deliver remote instruction or a hybrid model should that situation arise.

In addition to regular communications from our school principals, we are holding periodic virtual meetings for parents to provide updates and respond to questions. Our next virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 4:30 pm.

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