



Shelby Public Schools

Learning Today for a Successful Tomorrow

Dear Shelby Community:

We hope this letter finds you, your student(s) and loved ones well, and we hope your summer has been off to a good start, allowing you to enjoy some of the great weather.

As you know, our district has continued to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic with a commitment to health, safety, and social and emotional support, all while providing effective instruction to our students this past year. Over the course of this past school year, we have worked closely with the public health and medical experts who have advised us.

As we look toward the start the 2021-2022 school year, masks, testing, and vaccinations will be a choice for any student, staff member, or visitor, unless federal, state, and/or local requirements obligate us to mandate. Additionally, we will return all of our buildings to their previous start and end times.

Shelby Public Schools is greatly encouraged with our movement toward normalcy. We are committed to providing your child the best education they can receive.

Along with our everyday in-person instruction, we will also offer a virtual learning option through West Shore ESD this coming school year. This opportunity for choice will allow all student needs to be met throughout the district. At this time, we do not have all of the details determined for the virtual learning option, but we will share the information when we do.

After reviewing updated guidelines from MDHHS, and following the Governor's recently removed COVID-19 restrictions, along with continuous collaboration with local health departments, we intend to continue emphasizing hand washing, along with increased cleaning and sanitizing. Daily home health screening will remain vitally important. We will continue to ask students who are symptomatic or sick to take extra precautions and stay home until symptoms have improved.

We expect these mitigation measures will help with not only the spread of COVID-19, but also with other seasonal and common viruses.

We will continue to follow the law and any school mandates. The health and safety of our staff, students, and families is still our top priority. If COVID-19 cases in our community and schools were to surge again for any reason, we have the knowledge and experience to take the necessary steps to keep staff and students safe and in school, as evidenced by this past school year.

It is our hope that all of our families can rest assured that your students will continue to attend school in the district and community we all love. We will continue to keep you informed as we move closer to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

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