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STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT NOTIFICATION OF RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION

March 29, 2021

Dear SMSD Parent or Guardian:

The purpose of this communication is to request that parents send their children back to school to take advantage of face-to-face learning. Every day SMSD continues to exercise and follow practices and precautions from the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are also proud to announce the majority of SMSD teachers and staff have started and/or completed their COVID-19 vaccination schedule and this number is increasing daily. We will share this information to the COVID-19 dashboard on our website (https://www.staffordmsd.org/meet-stafford/covid-19-dashboard), which is accessible to the community.

Beyond the COVID-19 prevention measures, we would like for students to return for two (2) additional reasons: 1) many students do not have passing grades and 2) we want to prepare students to be successful on state required assessments, as well as, to track student progress. Please keep in mind our Middle School and High School campuses will not provide face-to-face learning on test days and those dates are attached.

Beginning *Monday, April 5, 2021*, we are requesting that your child return to school in person/face-to-face learning if there are no medical constraints or extenuating circumstances. Please address questions or concerns regarding this recommendation with your child's campus at your earliest convenience. We look forward to seeing our Spartans return!

Please complete the online form on or before April 1, 2021 as we prepare to receive your child for face-to-face learning: https://forms.office.com/r/g1VVGq14DM

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Bostic, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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District-Scheduled Assessment Announcement for Students in Grades 6-12

Stafford Municipal School District is adjusting learning options in order to provide more space and resources to students on testing days. All students in grade 6 through 12 who are not scheduled for test administrations as outlined on district-scheduled testing dates below, will learn remotely on **dates specified below**. This will also apply to students who have selected Face-to-Face as their current mode of instruction. This will allow Stafford MSD to reduce the number of individuals on a campus at any one time, while increasing accommodations for students who are testing on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT-SCHEDULED DATES

March 24: 10th grade TSI / 11th grade SAT / 12th grade ASVAB

April 6: English 1 EOC

April 8: English 2 EOC

April 13: English 1 EOC

April 15: English 2 EOC

May 4: Algebra 1 EOC

May 5: Biology EOC

May 6: US History EOC

May 7: EOC Makeups

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTRICT-SCHEDULED DATES

April 6: 7th grade Writing STAAR CHOOL DISTRICT May 4: Algebra 1 EOC*

May 11: 6-8th grade Math paper / 8th grade Math STAAR online

May 12: 6-8th grade Reading paper / 8th grade Reading STAAR online

May 13: 6-7th grade Math online / 8th grade Science STAAR online

May 14: 6-7th grade Reading online / 8th grade Social Studies STAAR online

*Students in grade 8 that are taking the Algebra STAAR / EOC will test on May 4 at the High School campus. Please note that this will be a regular instruction day for grades 6-8 at the Middle School campus. Only students who are taking Algebra 1 EOC will report to the High School for the test administration.

The majority of STAAR assessments will be offered online, however, those test administrations are required to be conducted at the respective school campus. All 6th and 7th grade students who are scheduled for a paper test administration on May 11 or May 12 will be notified in advance. All students will receive a letter in the mail with their specific testing dates. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Jerrae Bazile jbazile@staffordmsd.org.