May 11, 2020

Dear Steel Valley Community,

As the school year nears its end on May 29, the staff and administration at the Steel Valley School District already are preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. Since the mandated school building closures began, Steel Valley administrators and teachers have met regularly to ensure that our students are receiving high-quality instruction and to plan for the future. The District has been communicating frequently with families about their individual needs and has ensured that all students have the devices and internet connections to continue learning. As we move forward to the 2020-2021 school year, the District is developing a robust and flexible education plan that accounts for both in-person and remote learning. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Whether we begin the year with classes in our schools or with remote learning, we will deliver excellent instruction that builds the skills needed for successful careers. Whether or not we have to move back and forth during the school year between in-person and online lessons, we will continue to support our students, families and staff.

We are thankful that our community and other stakeholders have been very supportive, patient and understanding of the difficulties that the COVID-19 pandemic has posed. We know and appreciate the fact that these same sentiments will continue as we navigate uncharted territory, and we are confident that no matter the format, our students will continue to receive the high-quality education that they deserve.

Four months ago, none of us had heard of COVID-19. Much has been learned about the coronavirus since then, and we know our research scientists and public health officials will learn even more before school begins at the end of August. What they learn may impact the ways in which we conduct school next year. What will not change is the commitment of the Steel Valley School District to deliver an outstanding education to our children.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent