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## **Steel Valley School District**

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***Bryan M. Macuga***  
***Substitute Superintendent***

September 3, 2020

Dear Steel Valley Community,

As you are hopefully aware, next week classes will begin for students enrolled in the Steel Valley School District. Throughout the last several weeks, district staff and administration have been diligently working to ensure its school buildings are as safe as possible for students and staff. However, due to factors beyond the district's control, efforts to upgrade systems at our buildings are not yet complete. In an effort to ensure we are providing the safest possible learning environment for students and staff, the administration - in consultation with the district's board of directors - has decided to begin the school year with four full weeks of remote synchronous instruction. Students will still begin on schedule, but all classes for students will be held virtually for the first four weeks of the school year until October 5th. During this time, there will be no Maroon or Gold groups. The new online schedule for all students is below:

- **September 8** – Virtual student transition day – for students in grades K, 5 and 9
- **September 9** – Remote learning prep day for all students in all grades – students log into their Google classrooms and complete digital citizenship activities
- **September 10** – Online (synchronous) instruction begins for all students, in all grades

Synchronous instruction will occur Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will still be remote learning prep, and student assignments will be provided through the Google Classroom platform.

Students are being asked to participate in the live synchronous lessons during the normal class periods or instructional blocks. Additionally, in order to provide flexibility to families, all synchronous lessons will be recorded and remain in Google Classroom for two days.

The choice to move all classes fully online was a very difficult decision to make, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause. The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we make this decision out of an abundance of caution.

Thank you to the entire community for your continued patience and flexibility as we work to navigate the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with complexities of a new school year.

Lastly, I will be conducting a community Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. to answer questions concerning the change from hybrid to full remote learning.

Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97296271140?pwd=bmFHhHNlK0l4OEhPVWVzMIJMdGtwUT09>

Meeting Passcode: **0jHKuF**

Sincerely,



Bryan M. Macuga

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