October 30, 2020

Dear Students and Families,

On Thursday, October 29th, the Steel Valley board of directors approved a plan to allow students to return to the school building for in-person instruction. This plan also allows students the ability to learn remotely via an asynchronous model should they choose to do so. Students who are currently using the Steel Valley Cyber Program may continue their learning without any disruption. A description of these models can be found on the district website for your review.

Currently in the attendance Google Classrooms, there is a questionnaire that asks which model students would like to begin on November 4th. Please have your student fill this out as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

During the in-person model, students will be divided into a Maroon Group (A-L) and a Gold Group (M-Z) according to last names. The Maroon Group will attend the morning session and the Gold Group will attend the afternoon session. This will take place Monday-Thursday. On Fridays, during the morning session, all in-person students and remote students will attend virtual classes according to the class schedule via Zoom with their teachers. A bell schedule has been included with this letter. Students who attend Steel Center Vo-Tech will attend the afternoon session and students who attend Mon Valley Tech will attend the morning session regardless of last name.

If a student chooses the asynchronous remote learning option, teachers will provide instruction and materials through their Google Classroom. Remote learning students will also have the opportunity to connect live with their teachers during scheduled evening support hours and the Friday Zoom sessions.

You will also find a copy of the district Covid19 symptoms checklist and the district mask policy. We ask that all in-person students be screened for these symptoms prior to coming to school. All students and staff will have their temperature taken as they enter they building. The mask policy will be strictly followed as our main priority is to create a safe learning environment for all.

As a district, we will be evaluating this plan on November 25th and planning our next steps to providing a quality educational experience for all students. During this three week period, the dress code will be relaxed but students will be expected to dress in school appropriate attire.

We appreciate you continued flexibility and support during this time of uncertainty. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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