Dear Wilson Area School District Parents/Guardians,

We hope that everyone is having an enjoyable summer so far. We want to provide an update on how the District plans to offer the best educational program to our students for this upcoming school year.

The District is offering full-time in-person instruction and full-time K-12 online instruction this school year. If you’re interested in learning more about the District’s K-12 online instruction, please contact Dr. Alexandra Mindler at 484-373-6000 or AMINDLER@wilsonareasd.org.

A new Health and Safety Plan was approved by the Board on Monday, July 12, 2021. You can review the plan here: 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan. The plan was developed following the release of new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which emphasizes the benefits of in-person instruction and returning to full-time instruction 5-days a week. Under the new plan, the District will implement the following procedures:

- Mask-wearing will be optional. We are highly recommending indoor mask use for unvaccinated students and staff. All passengers on District transportation will be required to wear masks.
- Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) guidelines for physical distancing will be followed when practical.
- Standard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to all staff and students upon request.
- Students and staff will be instructed on current PA DOH and PDE guidelines for handwashing and respiratory etiquette. Everyone is expected to adhere to these guidelines.
- Signage will continue to be posted to remind students and staff of proper handwashing techniques.
- Standard operational cleaning protocols will be followed.
- PA DOH and PDE guidelines for contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine will be followed.
- Follow diagnostic testing and screening procedures required by the PA DOH or PDE.
- Self-screening will be utilized as conditions warrant.
- Refer to PA DOH and St. Luke’s University Health Network as needed for guidance on responding to evolving COVID situations.

The District is closely monitoring conditions in our community and may need to adjust the plan as more guidance is expected to be released throughout the summer. We will communicate pertinent updates as soon as we get them.

The District will offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics during the evenings of Wilson Area High School and Wilson Area Intermediate School’s open houses on the following dates:

- Wilson Area Intermediate School Open House – Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Wilson Area High School Open House – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The clinics accept walk-ins for everyone aged 12 and older. Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to be vaccinated.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year beginning on Monday, August 30, 2021!

My very best to you,

Douglas Wagner
Superintendent