LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear L-S Parents and Guardians,

Today marks the last student day of the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support, patience, and understanding throughout the entire school year as we navigated the everchanging landscape of the pandemic. Together, we successfully kept our schools open without having to close due to COVID. This would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our students, staff, parents, and community.

While recognizing that next school year may be the last thing on students' minds today, I wanted to share our current expectations for the opening of our schools next year. Recently, the Department of Health Acting Secretary Alison Beam <u>announced</u> that the commonwealth's mask order will expire no later than June 28, 2021. Both the Departments of Education and Health have stated that they have no intention of requiring a COVID vaccination as a condition for students to attend school. Based upon the current pronouncements of the Departments of Education and Health, we expect that L-S will be able to resume normal operations for the 2021-2022 school year. This will include all students attending school five days per week, no face coverings required, and no COVID vaccination requirement to attend school.

Our students, staff, and community are to be commended and should be proud of our collective efforts to support our students and keep them safe throughout this trying year. Thank you again for your continued patience and support of our students and staff during the school year.

We congratulate the Class of 2021! If you have not already done so, I encourage you to view the recorded recognition of our recent graduates on our <u>website</u>. Thank you again for your partnership serving our students, with the common understanding that . . .

Kids come first. We ARE L-S. We ARE family. We are ALL in this together!

I wish each of you a well-deserved relaxing, safe, and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Peart, Ed.D. Superintendent