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Dear Southwestern Families:

I hope that everyone had some time to relax and enjoy some time away from school. It is hard to believe that we have less than four months of school left with summer just around the corner. Our focus from this point forward is to return to normal procedures whenever possible. We must report all positive cases, identify symptomatic individuals including close contacts, and continue to implement Test to Stay when needed. Here are some key points moving forward.

- We will slowly start to allow parents and/or guardians in the building to attend their child's events.
- We are looking forward to our musical returning in person, parents (and grandparents) in full attendance at concerts, parents in attendance at the Multi-Cultural Fair, and many more to come :) !
- Field Trips are starting to be scheduled for the Spring and we look forward to holding additional events on Campus.
- Students are expected to be in school and on time. Our attendance rate for chronic absences (more than 10 days) has increased 25% since last year. This does not include kids absent due to COVID quarantines. Students arriving after the start of the school day is significant for all grade levels. Thank you in advance for your efforts in this area.
- We will slowly begin to return the cafeterias back to normal procedures and configuration.
- Masks are still required but we will be watching closely for a decision to be made within the next few weeks.
- We continue to provide multiple levels of intervention for our students at all levels. If you have concerns regarding your child please reach out to their teacher, school counselor, and or Building Principal. The effects of the pandemic has been difficult for us all and we continue to experience significant needs for our kids and adults.

My last ask for all of us is to work together, show patience, and a lot of Trojan Kindness. The last two years has been difficult, overwhelming, and just plain hard for ALL of us on many levels. We will continue to work together on behalf of our kids.

Looking forward to a strong finish to the school year!

All my best,

Mrs. Donahue

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