

CARMAN-AINSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Carman-Ainsworth Families, Students and Staff,

None of us ever thought we would have to experience the past year. As we acknowledge the one-year anniversary of this public health crisis, we want to thank you for your patience and support as we navigated through numerous academic scenarios. To our teachers, custodians, food service, technicians, and all of our staff members who went above and beyond to ensure a safe and responsible return for all of our students, we are humbly grateful. To students, parents and families, thank you for your trust and understanding as difficult decisions were made to meet the needs of our students.

As we continue to keep the safety and well-being of our staff and students at the forefront of our decisions, I am providing the following answers to questions our team has received:

Will traditional in-person learning be reinstated during the 2020-21 School Year?

As of today, we will maintain our current plan offering hybrid and online learning models. We continue to assess the data regularly and will make adjustments as the information dictates.

What modes of learning will be offered for 2021-22 School Year?

It is important to note that a full five days per week of in-person instruction for students and staff has always been our intention and goal, though COVID gives us no guarantees. Given what we know today, we anticipate and are intent on a full return to school in the fall. We will also continue to offer, a full 100% online education experience; to participate in online learning, students must have demonstrated previous success online as well as a teacher recommendation.

How will we address the learning gaps students experienced this year?

With confidence, we are looking forward to a robust Summer Learning 2021 program. We are planning for a number of opportunities for Kindergarten Prep – 12th grade families that would like to keep their child engaged and progressing academically throughout the summer months. More information will be shared in April.

Food Distribution

The district will continue food distribution on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at all Carman-Ainsworth school buildings, except The Learning Community and Woodland School; with an evening pick up at Carman-Ainsworth Middle School ONLY on Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Spring Break Guidance

After a uniquely long and difficult winter, I imagine we are all eager for springtime in Michigan. Warmer weather and longer days are coming, and we continue to see a steady decline of COVID-19 cases locally and nationally, which is promising. As restrictions in Michigan and other states begin to relax, we are asking all our Carman-Ainsworth community to continue taking precautions that help minimize the spread of COVID-19. **The health and safety of our school community depend on each of us doing our part.** While we are all excited to return to some “normal” activities, we must remain cautious in order to prevent another surge of COVID-19 cases. Please continue masking up and social distancing. Monitor yourself for any symptoms and keep practicing healthy hygiene habits.

Class of 2021

We understand this time has been particularly challenging for our students and families in the Class of 2021. We are excited our seniors are back at the high school and remain focused on a strong wrap-up to the 2020-21 school year. Importantly, we are all thrilled to celebrate and honor the Class of 2021. As has been true throughout this COVID time, the health and safety of our students, staff and families remain our top priority. We have been working with our school teams to determine how best to plan for the end-of-year celebrations for our students. At this time, local participation limits would not allow for our full traditional graduation ceremonies, proms, awards ceremonies, etc., to be held indoors. More information will be shared with students and families in the next couple of weeks so that appropriate planning can occur for these celebrations.

We will continue to carry forward our critical mission of serving our Carman-Ainsworth students and families with a quality educational experience. During this time, we remain committed to our core values of teaching and learning and the priority of the health and safety of our students and staff, as they are our cornerstone. We will work together to move our students, staff, parents, families and community beyond the pain of this COVID time.

Stay Safe. Stay Healthy. Stay CA Strong.

Please contact me with any questions.

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