



MOSHANNON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICE

Dr. John W. Zesiger, Superintendent

October 2, 2020

Moshannon Valley Families, Students, and Staff,

Today is the 27th day of the school year and we have been fortunate to be able to provide face-to-face instruction the entire time. That is in large part due to the cooperation and support of our families. Students are wearing masks, continuing to practice social distancing, and regularly washing their hands and using hand sanitizer. Those practices are vital, both in school, and out of school, to enable us to continue in-person instruction.

I also want to thank those families with students in our cyber program. We appreciate when you bring concerns to our attention and we will continue to work with our provider to make improvements. There was a family and student survey sent out on September 30 for our cyber families. If you have not already, please take a moment to complete it and provide feedback, all responses are anonymous and the goal is to determine what is working well and where changes need to take place.

Parent-Teacher Conference Nights Postponed

- The District is postponing the scheduled parent-teacher conference nights originally scheduled for October 26 and November 4. We do plan to hold the conferences at a later date and will provide families with advanced notice of the new dates.
- Both October 26 and November 4 are scheduled as student half days, and they will remain with a 12:00 dismissal. They were originally scheduled for staff professional development in the afternoon and that training will be taking place. Just a reminder that students will be dismissed at 12:00 on October 26 and November 4.

Spectators at Events

- On Thursday, October 1, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the administration of Governor Tom Wolf may once again enforce size limits on gatherings while they appeal the lower court order. The previous gathering limits of 250 outdoors and 25 indoors have been reinstated. We will continue to monitor the changes and guidance for spectators at events, but at this time will be limited to the 250 outdoor and 25 indoor mandate.

Senior Recognition Nights

- Several families have contacted the District about whether or not we will be able to have senior night recognition events for fall activities. The only information I can provide at this time is that the administration and our athletic director are meeting regularly and all are in favor of having some type of recognition event, but we just do not have a clear picture of what that is as of this letter. I anticipate there may be additional guidance to school districts in the coming days, so we will wait to see what information is provided. Fortunately, we have some time before the end of the season so we can still work on a solution.

We will continue to communicate with families, students, and staff members, so that everyone is aware.

Respectfully,

John W. Zesiger, Ed.D.
Superintendent of School