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Good afternoon Utica High families,

We continue to get key pieces in place to start the 2020-21 school year. This week, the UCS Virtual Academy Schedule was set, starting the transition to rebuilding the Utica High schedule less those students. Those schedules will come to you next Friday, August 28, via Email. We have begun to do important work around building schedules for device distribution and more information on that will arrive next week.

For our students who require support from food services, Meal Distribution will continue with standard days of operation as we head into the 2020-21 school year. UHS families might consider using Wiley Elementary or West Utica Elementary which both have standard distribution times Thursday from 11 am – 1 pm and on Tuesday, September 1, from 11 am – 1 pm as well.

Earlier today I sent out Emails about fall College Board testing. Sophomore and Junior parents received information on the PSAT/NMSQT and senior parents regarding the Fall SAT. Please make sure you read that Email and respond to the survey. For our seniors, this is a significant change from years past as the SAT would be taken by all in the Spring, so if you have any questions, please respond to this Email.

Related to scheduling, I want to share with you an update regarding shared time programs this year. As the district looks to transition to in-person instruction this fall, we are also looking at opportunities where we can limit interaction between different groups of students and enhance health and safety. As a result, shared time courses will not be offered as an option. This decision reduces the possibility of a spread of possible COVID-19 by keeping students in smaller, contained group settings. This move was made to protect the health of your student as well as our school community. We are looking at every possibility to keep our students and staff safe for our eventual transition to in-person instruction.

Our counseling staff will be in next week assisting Mrs. Olson with the process of finalizing schedules and working with new student enrollees to get their base schedule set. If your student was a shared time student and their schedule will be changed, we've used their alternates to place them in Semester 1 courses. If there is a concern, specifically about these classes, you can send an email to your student's counselor. Please be patient as their plates will be very full returning to myriad scheduling challenges as we start the 2020-21 school year.

As always, if there are any questions, please reach out. Have a great weekend.

Tom Lietz  
Principal



**Utica High School Vision Statement:**

***Empowering students to reach their full potential as members of a global community.***

**Utica High School Mission Statement:**

***The mission of Utica High School is to develop successful learners with the support of our community of educators, students, and parents. Our diverse student body will have an equitable, rigorous, and comprehensive education in a safe and supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning. We aim to cultivate individual learners with active and creative minds, and a sense of understanding and compassion for others.***

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