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Good afternoon Utica High families,

I am happy to say we've had a great first week of live remote learning. It is certainly a learning curve, but we're getting through it. Earlier this afternoon I sent out a fix for one of the few major technology issues we've had with Microsoft Licensing. It took some time, but our tech department believes this fix should resolve the issue. If you didn't receive that Email and feel you should've, please email me.

As of yesterday afternoon, requests for schedule changes were complete. Our counselors will continue to work through remaining requests Monday. Courses will be hard fixed Monday afternoon and no other requests are being taken at this point.

As you're likely aware, the Governor released EO's 153, 175, 176, and 180 which directly impacted the ability for schools to engage in athletic competition. Those guidelines have allowed us to have competition, but the conditions of competition are different. Coaches are sharing those with participants. One of the biggest changes is how spectators will be managed. The Executive Orders are clear that participants will be allowed up to two (2) guests each, based on venue capacity. We will continue to enforce all social distancing, mask policy, and all other required protocol meant to ensure student, staff and public safety.

School attendance process has been a question asked by a number of parents. We ask that parents call in to the UHS attendance line, (586) 797-2299, and choose the appropriate option, to excuse their student. It must be a parent/guardian that calls in and not a student. Please do not send attendance emails to the teacher as we will be using PowerSchool. If your student wants to reach out to get additional work, that's acceptable, but their email is not a request to excuse as that can only come from the parent. If your student is in the UCS Virtual Academy, please indicate that in your message.

This may have been the longest short week in our history, but in the end it was a pretty good one. I cannot say enough how proud I am of our students and staff. Your kids have been on their computers, engaging with peers and involved in great learning. Thank you for your commitment to that. Thanks as well to our incredible teaching staff. They have moved mountains to make this start a very smooth one! Their excitement, and at this point in the week, their exhaustion, is a testament to that! If you have a minute, and you have a positive experience to share with them, please shoot them an Email! It means more than you know!

Enjoy what looks to be a beautiful weekend everyone!

Sincerely,

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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