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Dear Utica High Families,

I hope you are enjoying the remaining month of summer vacation and are looking forward to the start of the 2020-2021 school year. We know that this opening will be like no other as our community and nation continue to address the global pandemic. Ordinarily, we would have provided our registration packets and information about Utica Chieftain Registration Days to you. We are continuing to address necessary changes to these systems to ensure needed health and safety protocols, and I want to share an update with you regarding the start of the new year.

Over the past few months, Utica Community Schools teams have been working with district leadership to prepare for the 2020-2021 year. This work was presented to the Board of Education on July 29 through the district's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. This plan provides an overview of the district responses based on different COVID-19 phases as designated by the State of Michigan. The plan is available for review at this [link](#).

There will be a final determination of the UCS plan by the Board of Education at its meeting on Monday night. As a result, you will receive more information about the start of school from the district and our school, including the process for registration and parent packets.

We are excited to begin the school year on September 1, 2020. Utica Community Schools remains committed to working in partnership with our families and staff provide educational excellence to every student in a safe and healthy environment. We appreciate your continued patience.

As always, if you have question, please respond to this email.

As returning parents know, you can expect a weekly Friday Email, like this one, from me at around 3:30 pm. Please look for those! I'll do my best to update our community on the week's events and set the stage for the week ahead. Please take a moment to follow our Social Media pages as I will post to those regularly to as we get into the year.

Twitter: @uticaprincipal

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/uticahighschool>

Instagram: @uticaprincipal

You do not need an account to access these pages but will need one to follow them! I value open and consistent communication and use as many tools as are at my disposal. I know these are unprecedented times. This is an amazing community and together, we will get through this.

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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