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Good afternoon Utica High Families,

Happy New Year. We're excited to be out of 2020 and into 2021 and hopeful for positive changes and the capacity to get back to doing what we do best, which is teaching our students and building a better and stronger Utica High community.

We are looking forward to welcoming back students on Tuesday, January 19th! We are excited to see our students in person again and are committed to providing a safe and active learning environment.

All high school students who are currently enrolled in the remote/in-person option are scheduled to return to classrooms the week of Tuesday, January 19. Students of families who chose the UCS virtual academy will continue their on-line instruction for the remainder of the school year.

As we prepare for this transition, below are answers to some questions that you may have regarding this return to students.

Schedule

Students enrolled in the remote/in-person learning model will use the cohort schedule that was shared with you earlier this school year. This schedule reduces the interaction of students. I have included the schedule at the bottom of this e-mail.

Safety Protocols

As a school and district, the health and safety of our students and staff remains the top priority. We need to work together to make sure that we can meet our goal of a return on January 19 and continue moving forward with increased face-to-face learning. Parents need to follow [these safety protocols](#) each morning and, if your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, please keep them at home. In the event that someone in a classroom is diagnosed with COVID-19, we are required to quarantine

those students and teachers into a remote setting. Working together, we can keep our students in the classroom and avoid any interruptions.

We will also continue using the protocols that are important to keeping everyone safe, including encouraging frequent hand washing and use of sanitizer, reducing close interactions and wearing of face coverings. These protocols are all detailed in [the updated parent handbook](#) that is now on the district website.

Extra Curricular Activities

As we begin the return to face to face instruction we will also look to reengage in extracurricular opportunities as feasible. Some have continued and others have not. In order to maintain a safe environment, some extracurricular activities may remain completely or partially virtual. Watch for future communications with details.

Transportation

For families that are eligible for transportation services, times and routes are available at this [link](#). We also encourage you to review [this video](#) with your children. It details the important safety procedures that students must follow in riding the bus. Juniors and seniors wishing to drive must complete the parking permit application on the website. Unless you are told otherwise, you can submit that and drive. Failure to follow the rules and regulations or appropriately park could cause you to lose this privilege this year and in the future.

Food Service

Breakfast and lunch are available for our students during their in-person learning sessions. For days they are at home for remote learning, meals are available at the remote pickup locations during the designated times. More information on remote locations and times are available at this [link](#).

Utica Orange Cohort (Students with last names of A – K).

Week of	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 18	No School	A Block In-Person	B Block In-Person	A Block Remote	B Block Remote
January 25	A Block In-Person	B Block In-Person	All Classes Remote	A Block Remote	B Block Remote

High School Back Cohort (Students with last names of L – Z).

Week of	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 18	No School	A Block Remote	B Block Remote	A Block In-Person	B Block In-Person
January 25	A Block Remote	B Block Remote	All Classes Remote	A Block In-Person	B Block In-Person

Bell Schedule for Students for In-Person Instruction Day

		Time
1 st & 4		7:20-9:10
Student Support within 1 st & 4 th		9:10-9:40
Passing		9:40-9:47
2 nd & 5 th with Lunch*		9:47-12:17
A	Lunch	9:47-10:17
	Class	10:17-12:17
B	Class	9:47-10:17
	Lunch	10:17-10:47
	Class	10:47-12:17
C	Class	9:47-10:47
	Lunch	10:47-11:17
	Class	11:17-12:17
D	Class	9:47-11:17
	Lunch	11:17-11:47
	Class	11:47-12:17
E	Class	9:47-11:47
	Lunch	11:47-12:17
Passing		12:17-12:24
3 rd & 6 th		12:24-2:14

Bell Schedule for All Student Remote Day

High School Times	Hours
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7:20-7:50	1st
7:55-8:25	2nd
8:30-9:00	3rd
9:05-9:35	4th
9:40-10:10	5th
10:15-10:45	6th
10:45-2:14	Student Support (Teacher will share schedule with students)

We are excited to take this step forward. We know, with your full cooperation, we can provide a successful transition to being student learning safely back into schools. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to Email or call the building at 586-797-2200. We will continue to update documents in our [UHS Return to School Documents](#) this weekend and early next week, which is located under the How Do I? tab on the [UHS Website](#).

Sincerely,

Tom Lietz
Principal



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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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