It sure was nice to have students start school this past year in August and be done in May, especially with the hot and humid weather we had during the third week of May! It would be nice if our legislators would eliminate the September 1st start date law so we could start school in August every year like we used to before the law was passed about 20 years ago. The tourism industry was the catalyst behind the law change and remains a staunch supporter of the law. There have been discussions of eliminating this law, so please reach out to your state legislators about your thoughts on it. Due to the pandemic, the DPI was allowed to provide waivers to the September 1st start date for this past year and for next year.

Summer school will be held the weeks of June 7th and 14th and face coverings will not be required. As of right now, the only place we are required to have face coverings is on a bus, and this may still be in effect when school begins on August 25th. Unless things really take a turn for the worse with the pandemic, we’re planning to operate the 2021-22 school year as we have traditionally done so, with the exception of maybe not turning on the water fountains. This would mean students should bring a water bottle to school and fill it at one of our water bottle filling stations which worked very well this past year.

Thanks for supporting the school district this past year. While we know not everyone agreed with the mitigation practices we had in place for the pandemic, they were paramount in allowing us to have school in-person all year without shutting down. This wouldn’t have been possible without all of your due diligence. Thanks for helping us provide the students the best education we could during this challenging time.