



Dear SAU 7 Family,

November, 2021

During the Thanksgiving season, when we traditionally take time to give thanks, I write to express my heartfelt gratitude to all and my warmest wishes for a happy and safe holiday celebration with your loved ones.

On behalf of our Boards of Education and district leaders, it is also my privilege to express our appreciation for the continued, unwavering dedication of our school administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and guardians. You help make our school system a great place to teach and learn.

Your commitment to our students, spirit of cooperation, and support for each other have allowed us to persevere in our shared educational mission through these uncharted times. To be sure, we have experienced challenges throughout the pandemic, but we owe ourselves some grace as we strive to ensure an engaging, supportive, and safe learning environment for all our students.

With that being said, we must continue to recognize that the threat of COVID-19 is still with us. We continue to implement our Board approved [21-22 SAU 7 COVID Mitigation Plan](#). We are providing optional testing in our schools and encouraging vaccinations for all of our stakeholders.

We are a student-centered school community and, with that in mind, I would also like to encourage all of us, parents, guardians, and educators, to celebrate the students in our lives this Thanksgiving season. The changes and adversity we all experienced this year have been especially hard on our children and youth. Please take time to acknowledge and encourage the students in your family. Let them know you are proud of their courage and rooting for their well-being above all.

Be inspired by the season of giving with acts of kindness and graciousness. I wish you health and peace this Thanksgiving. Please take care in your travels.

With warm regards,

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