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Dear Pioneer Families,

On behalf of the Board, Administration, and Staff, I would like to thank all of the parents/guardians in Cros-Lex Schools for your continued support to the school district. There is no way to express how much we appreciate all of our parents/guardians who send their children to either the face-to-face in person learning option or the 100% virtual learning option. We appreciate you!

I can unequivocally confirm, as we planned for the upcoming 2020-21 school year, we were determined to open up our schools every day, find a way to stay safely open, and within the guidelines established by the State Government, the MDHHS, and the Michigan Department of Education. With the exceptions of the State pause, the pivot to remote learning at the high school prior to Christmas, and the mandated quarantining that impacted staffing at the middle school, our district families, dedicated professionals, and support staff, achieved the goal to stay open all year!

Throughout this school year dealing with the COVID pandemic, we have all been faced with unprecedented challenges. Whether it is sickness, loss of loved ones, the emphasis on social distancing, multiple quarantining for some, and other pandemic related challenges, we showed the Pioneer willpower, and now together, we are on the verge of completing with a strong finish, one of the most challenging school years in recent American history.

As we prepare for the final school days of this year, prepare for summer learning, and gear up for the fall of 2021-22, I want to share some additional information with you. Our last day of school will be on June 11. The last three days of school, June 9, 10, and 11 will be half days, with high school and middle school dismissals at 11:30 a.m. and elementary dismissals at 11:45 a.m.

This summer, each building is offering summer remediation and/or credit recovery by invitation only to students as determined by assessment data. We also are in the final planning phases to offer Summer STEM camps for students in rising grade levels 6-12. Anticipate a flyer to be shared with more information in the days ahead.

Also, the MDHHS recently released a revised [June 1, 2021 Gatherings and Face Mask Order](#) which is in effect through July 1, 2021. Beginning July 1, all broad epidemic orders including the indoors mandated face mask order in schools, are scheduled to be lifted.

On or around July 1st, all public schools in Michigan are told to expect updated information from the State, as well as the Michigan Department of Education that will be important to our planning for the upcoming school year. Engagement sessions soliciting input from our parents and district staff members about the district plans for the fall will be communicated to families after July 1st.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, our plans are to offer all students a full schedule of in person learning in the fall, and offer a choice to families who would like to select a 100% virtual learning option. Parents will be updated on the details of both instructional programs after the district receives further communications from the Michigan Department of Education, and the State.

Over the final remaining days of the school year, all of our district professionals are committed to making every effort possible to find opportunities for students to be outside enjoying our beautiful spring weather, breathing fresh air without masks, receiving refreshment breaks in class, and partaking in other creative ways to make the end of the school year enjoyable.

The last year has taught us all the value of resilient flexibility in the face of changing information and mandates from the government. The district will keep you updated throughout the summer months as more information becomes available and as the new school plans become finalized.

Finally, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing everyone back in the district for the first day of student classes to begin on Tuesday, August 31.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gilbertson
Superintendent

Go Pioneers!