



# SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



September 8, 2020

I came to school early today in anticipation of some unpredictable weather. I knew that the windstorm was forecasted as a strong east wind event. The powerful winds blew open doors and spread debris all day. It unfortunately, knocked down some very beautiful trees along the east side of the performing arts building. A few other small items of damage occurred to doors and siding on the building. I know distance learners also were interrupted by power outages at their homes.

By the end of the day, the trees had been safely removed from the side of the building. The debris is being cleaned up and the repairs will be made quickly. Power will return to the homes in our community. We all experienced the events of the day with some awe and trepidation. I am so impressed by the way our staff handled everything and continues to handle so much.

Teachers went about their day providing excellent instruction to their students. They will adjust for their distance learners who may have been trying to meet deadlines. They spoke over blustering winds and a creaking building. They provided normalcy and care for students who came from all over a valley that was in disarray. Students were able to come to Skyline High School and find refuge. They are always able to come to our school and find caring adults who strive endlessly to provide them with rigor and support for the curriculum and assignments as they work toward achieving excellence.

I want to remind everyone, that despite the normalcy we continue to experience here at school, we are fighting a virus that threatens to turn us upside down at every moment. We are so excited that we have not had an active case for one of our students. However, that will happen. When it does, we will contact students who were within six feet of the student for more than 15 minutes and they will be quarantined for 14 calendar days. We will send home an email to all other students who were in classes with the student and warn them of the positive case.

Positive cases are happening in many other schools. The most probable way those schools are seeing spread amongst their students is at social gatherings that are not school related. We are told that the measures we have taken at school seem to be working to curb the spread here at school. We encourage families to consider how they can implement the measures of wearing masks, social distancing and frequent hand washing for their students at all times when their students are amongst their friends. We have implemented these strategies in an effort to curb the spread of the virus and hope you will continue to be a part of these efforts to keep Skyline students safe from this menacing virus.

This is such a great community with such an amazing school. Thanks for making it Utah's number one public high school. Your family and their support of your student are the greatest factors in the success of your students.

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