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Dear MSAD 54 Parents, Guardians, Students and Community,

We are reaching out to again ask, for those of you that haven't already done so, to take a moment to complete the district's online survey regarding returning to school. The survey can be found at: <https://bit.ly/54survey> or from a link on the home page of our website.

Additionally the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) has released a series of surveys for parents, staff, administrators, and community members to get feedback on the reopening of schools. We encourage you also to give your thoughts here as we believe it is important that our region be well represented in the results. The MDOE surveys can be found at: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/fall2020survey> and is open through July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, we would like you to know that we are working very hard to plan for the safe reopening of schools in the fall. We will provide an update on our website each week at: <https://www.msad54.org/public> ; will include regular notes on our progress for planning for our return to school on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please know that as soon as we are able to provide you with specific guidance, we will. We have been told that the Maine Department of Education will have updated return-to-school guidance on August 7<sup>th</sup>. With this in mind, it is our goal to have a finalized plan to our students and parents no later than Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Although this date is later than we would like, it does provide nearly four weeks of lead time prior to the start of school (September 1<sup>st</sup>) and gives us time to ensure that we have taken all guidance (local, state, national) into consideration in the development of our plan to safely return to school.

Again, please take a moment to complete the district survey: <https://bit.ly/54survey> and consider completing the [state survey](#) as well. We will be using this survey data as an integral part of our planning for the start of school. Separately, we will be arranging opportunities for parents to give additional feedback to us as we move through our planning process; look for these updates on our website over the next few weeks.

We are focused on getting safety measures in place to allow our kids to be back with us in the fall. Thank you for your continued support and for following social distancing guidelines this summer. Our collective efforts will help us reach our goal of getting our kids back in school this fall.

Thank you,



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