

Hello East High Students and Parents,

I want to send some information and updates as we're just starting our third week of having students back in-person. It has been great to see students back in the building! I have enjoyed greeting the students as they enter and have been inspired by their excitement and desire to learn. Our students and teachers have worked hard these last few weeks as they learn to balance this new hybrid model. Please continue to be patient with teachers as they further their learning of how to balance in-person and remote instruction at the same time.

During our test to start, we administered over 1200 Covid tests and had only 4 positive tests. I appreciate all of the dedication and perseverance our students and community have shown with doing their part in slowing the spread and keeping our numbers down. I want to thank our district nurses, custodians, and staff members who are working hard every day to help keep our schools safe, clean, and healthy.

As you may have known from our previous emails and social media posts, Salt Lake District has a shortage of substitutes this year. You may know someone in our community who would like an opportunity to work with teenagers while also having flexibility with scheduling workdays. If you or someone you know would like to help, please click on the link in parentheses. (https://ats1.atenterprise.powerschool.com/ats/job_board?APPLICANT_TYPE_ID=00000004&COMPANY_ID=JA002647). When we have substitute requests that are unable to be filled, and do not have enough coverage, students meet in the auditorium for asynchronous learning. We realize this is not ideal; as a school system we are doing our best to find a remedy (hence we are asking our community for help to find more substitutes).

I want to thank our students, teachers, and staff for all the hard work they have put in all year, especially these past several weeks as we've been adjusting to our hybrid model. Students have mentioned how

happy they have been with the ability to interact with all the students in their classes while both remote and in-person. The increase in the access to technology has helped students have more opportunities to engage in research, collaborative inquiry, and digital skills; students are engaging in critical thinking through Socratic seminars, small group discussions, gallery walks, etc. I encourage you to take some time to see the opportunities your students are engaging in. As always, feel free to reach out to teachers, counselors, and administrative team with questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Greg Maughan

Principal

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