It is Time to Welcome All Volunteers and Partners Back to School!

After weathering the peaks and, thankfully, now the valleys of Covid-19 and its variants, we are excited to be able to formally welcome all volunteers back to school! Our <u>Covid-19 Dashboard</u> has continued to improve as we have watched numbers of quarantines drop to zero in recent weeks.

Based on that data Now, we feel that we can invite District volunteers back to school! SLPS volunteers -- including parents, community members and partners -- are individuals who are actively engaged in support of students in our schools. Volunteers are mentors, tutors and those who help in classrooms, on field trips, or at school events.

Missouri law requires that all volunteers must submit to a background check. The District is pleased to offer this service free of charge and, we will make it easy for you! Please go online to access the <u>Volunteer Application</u> or, speak to your school's Family Community Specialist (FCS).

For the safety of all students and staff, all volunteers must abide by the District's Covid-19 protocols and be fully vaccinated. All of our staff are vaccinated and we believe that, at this time, it is important to require the same for our volunteers. We will continue to assess any changes to this practice over time. Also, volunteers will be required to wear masks at all times inside district buildings. If you have any questions, please call or email Director of Volunteer and Mentor Services, Ryonnel Jackson at 314-345-4577 or Ryonnel.Jackson@slps.org

We recognize and appreciate the parents who regularly volunteer their time in our schools. Outside of Covid-19 protocols, there are no requirements for parents who are dropping in for brief school visits. We are asking parents to please call ahead to your school office and remember to comply with all Covid-19 rules upon entering the school. Visitors to our schools will also be allowed to visit as long as they comply with Covid-19 protocols.