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Dear District #7 Community:

The District will again use **Pick-A-Time** to schedule PreK-12 parent-teacher conferences to be held via Zoom on **Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, October 29, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** As in prior years, **Pick-A-Time** will allow parents to schedule their children’s parent-teacher conferences through the internet using the account from last year or by creating a new account. **Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021, and will end at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2021.**

Parents can access Pick-A-Time at <https://pickatime.com/ecusd7>. Instructions for logging in, along with information specific to grade levels, can be found in the ‘Pick-A-Time Instructions’ attachment or by [clicking here](#).

Please feel free to contact your building secretary or principal if you have any questions or need support scheduling a conference.

As we enter the second quarter of the school year, there are also several other communications we will be sharing in greater detail with our families. Over the next four weeks, please check your email for more information regarding these items:

<p>Thursday, October 21, 2021</p>	<p>FASTBRIDGE FastBridge screening for students in grades K-8 in the areas of reading and math has been completed. FastBridge provides for the efficient administration of several types of assessments used to screen, monitor, and inform instruction / intervention. Your child(ren)s report with additional FastBridge information will be sent on this date.</p>
<p>Thursday, October 28, 2021</p>	<p>IAR PARENT PORTAL The Illinois State Board of Education is launching a parent portal with Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) individual student test results, complete with access to score reports and videos explaining the individual student score reports. More information and directions on accessing the portal will be sent.</p>
<p>Thursday, November 4, 2021</p>	<p>COVID/SHIELD TESTING UPDATE SHIELD Testing began in our schools on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. In partnership with SHIELD, we will also be announcing the start of community testing.</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 10, 2021</p>	<p>TECHNOLOGY SURVEY & WINTER WEATHER PLANNING In conjunction with the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, District #7 will be asking for your assistance in completing a survey to show an accurate picture of the type of broadband coverage that is available in the District #7 geographic area and where it can be improved for our families. We will also share plans for winter weather.</p>

With Tiger Pride,

Patrick Shelton, Ed.D.
 Superintendent