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Message from the Superintendent

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Blended/Hybrid Instructional Model of Learning effective Monday, November 9, 2020 Next two weeks Instructional Model of Learning Plan

Huntingdon County has been identified as a substantial level of community transmission for the past three weeks. As we review numerous Covid-19 data points, the data shows a leveling off or decline in the confirmed cases, incident rates, positivity rate, average Covid-19 specific hospitalizations and percent of hospital emergency department visits due to Covid-like illness for the most recent week as compared to the previous 7 days. Our internal monitoring of positive cases among staff and learners continues on a daily basis as well. Considering today's data, we will be returning to our blended/hybrid model of learning district wide for the week of November 9, 2020.

The **week of November 9, 2020** also includes parent teacher conferences and Veterans Day. Here is next week's schedule:

- Monday, Nov. 9 - Red Group all day in-person
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Red Group Early dismissal (11:15 for HS/MS, 11:45 for Elementary)
 - Parent Teacher conferences scheduled per each building
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day No School
- Thursday, Nov. 12 - Blue Group all day in-person
- Friday, Nov. 13 - Blue Group all day in-person

Week of November 16 - 20, 2020

High School and Middle School Blended/Hybrid

***Elementary Full in-person** (this will be confirmed Tuesday, November 10 by 8:00 pm)

High School & Middle School - Blended/Hybrid model of learning

NOTE: We are adjusting Wednesday from a remote learning day for all, to an additional day for the Red/Blue group every other week.

- Monday, Nov. 16 - Wednesday, Nov. 18, Red group in person (3 days)

- Thursday, Nov. 19 - Friday, Nov. 20 - Blue group in person (2 days)

Why are we considering 100% return to Elementary and not the High/School Middle school?

The blended/hybrid provides the safest return for all as we assess the academic, social and emotional well being of our children. Cases thus far, while limited, have been more prevalent at the secondary level; to date we do not have any reported elementary positive cases of Covid-19 in regards to our children. Additional differences between elementary and secondary:

HS/MS: (supporting the blended/hybrid model of learning)

- More transitions during their day
- More difficult to social distance during lunch and in between classes
- More interactions with different groups of learners/classes during the day
- Greater ability to work independently, thus allowing us to mitigate the spread

Elementary (supporting 100% in person learning)

- More self contained classrooms
- Less hallway interactions
- Lunch area is more spread out for social distancing

Once again, we continue to empathize with all of you as we continue to navigate through the pandemic. We know this is difficult for everyone and we appreciate your efforts as we are all trying to do our best.

Please continue to communicate any health status reports on you or your family to building administrators. Additionally, please continue to use an abundance of caution in your daily routines. Thank you.

Fred Foster
Superintendent