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Good afternoon Parents/Guardians,

After deliberating with some of the members of our committee, Board of Education, county superintendent, and other districts, it was decided we would move to the remote learning, full-time through Columbus Day, October 12. We anticipate a return to our initial re-opening plan with the hybrid 4-day on-site/Friday remote and the 5-day full remote option beginning October 13.

This revised plan was necessary due to the Governor updating his requirements for schools being open for in-person instruction. These revisions involved mitigation related to underlying risks associated with quarantine states, testing, additional protocols and other factors at this time.

I do understand this change may alter schedules however, with the still undefined risk factors it was decided this is the most prudent course of action. We will continue to update everyone with regard to schedules for the remote learning, and the expectations during remote learning. At this time, we will remain persistent in monitoring the governor's decisions and the impact of those decisions on what we do as a district. We do know now that we will not be providing in-person instruction until at least October 13. However, things can change and we will adjust our schedule if necessary to do so.

This adjustment to the in-person instruction will not change our school calendar, but be reminded that everything is subject to change on a daily basis based on the information and updates from our Governor, CDC and Health Department. The uncertainties abound with this virus deem it necessary for us to take the necessary precautions to alleviate risk factors in accordance with the information provided to schools.

Thank you and be safe.

Sincerely,

*Peter L. Koza Ed. D.*

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