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Dear Ringgold Family,

I hope this correspondence finds you well as you prepare for the upcoming holiday break. I can say with certainty that few of us could have ever imagined a year ago, that we would be in the situation we are today. Despite the challenges, the successes we have accomplished are occurring because we continue to work **together** for the benefit of our children.

We have been closely monitoring the Washington County transmission rates, which has remained in the “substantial” category. It was for this reason that we recently transitioned all students from in-person learning to remote learning. This was not an easy decision. We were one of a very few schools who were able to have our students in school for the entire first marking period and beyond. Without a doubt, our students benefited. Please know that the decision to remain in remote learning for students is being made in earnest, with the best interests of students and all staff in mind. I want to thank each of you for continuing to partner with us through this pandemic.

During the holiday break, we will continue to monitor conditions in Washington County and will continue to evaluate our return to school date, which is currently scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021. Each week the PA Department of Health announces the transmission rate. In order to comply with the PA Department of Health guidance we have been consistent in following, we must have a ‘moderate’ transmission rate for two consecutive weeks before returning to in-person instruction. If the PA Department of Health reports a ‘substantial’ transmission rate the week of December 28, it would be impossible to obtain two weeks of a ‘moderate’ transmission rate by January 4 therefore, continuing remote instruction for another week.

We will be in contact the week of December 28 to communicate the PA Department of Health transmission rate announcement and confirm if in fact there is potential to return to in-person instruction on January 4, 2021.

I want to again thank each of you for your continued support and take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. I look forward to seeing our students and staff in the new year!

Sincerely,

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