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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and having enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday.

I want to thank those who had the opportunity to attend the Board of School Director's meeting this week. During that meeting, we discussed at length the 'attestation form' that was provided to every District in the Commonwealth. The form mandated that Districts choose a mode of instruction (in person, or remote) and also required any District that chose in-person instruction to attest that they would adhere to the new "*Recommendations for PK-12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19*" guidelines. To see those guidelines, [click here](#). Superintendents were required by PDE to return the form by November 30th, regardless of when their next board meeting would be held. As a result, Wednesday's meeting was the first opportunity that the Board of Directors had to discuss the document and the difficult decision that has been placed on Boards and Superintendent's across the Commonwealth.

The Ringgold School District Board of Directors spent considerable time in discussion and engaged in a very productive debate regarding the "attestation form" and the return to school timing for students. As Superintendent of Schools, I would be remiss not to say that while opinions on the timing and nature of return were varied and different, I was so proud to be a member of a District in which the Board and Administration were all motivated by one sincere and common goal- providing the best education to students, while keeping the safety of students and staff in the forefront of our discussions and decision making.

All students will remain in remote learning (Option #2) and students continue to log into their classes via the Moodle at their regular school hours. Teachers will continue live remote instruction and your child should expect to receive virtual live instruction from their teachers for the entirety of their school day. The Board of Directors will reconvene again on December 16th, 2020 and will, at that time, make a determination as to the return to school timing for students.

We recognize that educating students remotely presents unique challenges for students, parents, guardians and staff. Be assured our staff and administration are continuing to work together to provide the best educational experiences possible for our students during this time. We want to thank each parent, grandparent, and other extended family members who continue to partner with us during these challenging times.

As always, I thank you for your continued support as we continue to move our District forward.

Sincerely,

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