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Dear Ringgold Family,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family safe, and well. For the last few weeks I have been writing to provide updates and answers to frequently asked questions that we have been gathering and receiving. Included in this letter are a final round of FAQ's that we have received in the past week. To access this latest round of FAQ's, click [here](#).

You will note that this week our FAQ includes a question on masks that was previously answered. As you will see, our answer to the question about masks has now changed in response to the latest order which was recently provided by the Secretary of Health. In this newest order, masks must be worn at all times in school, even when 6ft of social distancing can be achieved. There are limited exceptions which can be viewed [here](#).

During my last correspondence I also provided information on the [COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard](#). As a District we have been closely monitoring the Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard and Washington County remains in the low range with 3.4 percent positivity rate.

I wanted to also share two other pieces of news from this week. First, the Pennsylvania Department of Education provided recommendations for Pre-K-12 schools following identification of case(s) of COVID-19. In that recommendation, the PDE affirms that the Department of Health for the Commonwealth will provide proactive consultative assistance to schools, should an outbreak occur. To see the latest guidance click [here](#). Secondly, the PIAA met on Friday and has decided that they will continue to move forward with high school athletics. Schools who do not wish to participate have until Monday to opt out for the season.

I again want to take this time to thank our parents, staff, administrators and all who continue to work diligently to ensure that our students are able to return to instruction, and that there are varied choices for doing so. I'm excited to receive our teachers and staff back to our school campuses this week. Our teachers will be working on the new Learning Management System, preparing classrooms, and preparing for students. They have a full slate of professional learning activities and as such, I'll ask for your patience if you're reaching out to contact teachers.

~ Preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow ~

While each week seems to bring new guidance and additional changes, I'm comforted by the words of Robert H. Goddard who said the following "It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow". While we can't pen the certainties of tomorrow, we can take comfort in knowing that our Ringgold Family will have a hand in developing the reality of tomorrow for our students. Keeping that close to our hearts will allow us to look forward to the school year ahead with great hope and excitement.

Thank you again for your support and thanking you in advance for your patience as we continue to move the District forward.

Sincerely,

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