

December 11, 2020

Dear Millersburg Area School District Community,

I want to begin this communication by sincerely thanking all our students, staff, and community for a successful and seamless transition to remote learning during the past week. As this community continues to demonstrate, we can adapt to, and overcome any challenges we face together. Under these unique circumstances, we should all take pride in the fact that we are continuing our district mission of “Inspiring. Learning. Every Day”.

As shared previously, Dauphin County continues to have substantial community spread of COVID-19. Since the beginning of the school year, we have proactively monitored our local school district data with direct involvement from the Department of Health. We have used that data to make decisions regarding the education of our students, while keeping the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff as our highest priority.

Today, our district data indicates we are able to transition back to in-person learning for all students beginning on Monday, December 14, 2020. Per the Order issued by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health on December 10, 2020, all extracurricular activities will be suspended until January 4, 2021.

Please be assured that in accordance with our Attestation Statement, dated November 24, 2020, the district will continue to take required precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the Millersburg Area School District. We are keenly aware that each family’s circumstances are different. We remain steadfast in our commitment to providing our families with learning options for their child(ren) throughout this pandemic. Our Millersburg Area Virtual Academy (MAVA) and CAOLA remain available for those families. Families that have not previously enrolled their student in MAVA, may opt to do so at this time. Please contact your child’s principal if you elect to make this change.

As we have experienced over the past 10 months, changes can happen rapidly, and the need may arise for us to return to fully remote instruction and learning with little to no warning. Please have a solid plan in place should this need arise. We ask for your continued cooperation and assistance in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 so that our students may remain in school. **Please keep your child home if even the slightest symptoms are present.**

We are excited for our students to return to in-person instruction and learning on Monday, December 14, 2020! We remain committed to providing in-person instruction while valuing community health and the mandatory mitigation expectations.

Thank you for your continued support of the Millersburg Area School District!

With sincere appreciation,

Tom

Thomas J. Haupt
Superintendent