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## Dear Tri-County families,

The Decision Team met today to decide what model of learning to return in next week. After hearing all the information from public health, determining no apparent connections to the school at this time, and determining the ability to fully staff our building, the team decided to resume In-Person Learning starting on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please see our webpage for the In-Person Learning Calendar. Students with materials at home should bring them with when they return Monday. Any packet deliveries for At-Home learners will resume as before. As a reminder, next Thursday is scheduled to be an early out for Parent-Teacher Conferences and next Friday there is scheduled to be no school.

Any families that are deciding to stay with At-Home Learning for their child(ren) are asked to do so through Midquarter 2 which is December 11<sup>th</sup>. We ask this for grading purposes.

The Decision Team struggled through this decision because we understand our families need consistency and we have asked a lot of families these past four weeks as we transitioned between models. The very positive news I can tell you is that, while in-person and in hybrid learning, the measures put in place at school allowed for no apparent spread among any students and all quarantine measures resulted in no illnesses. That is something for everyone to be proud of. The team feels in-person learning is safe for our students and staff at this time based on the information we have. As always, this decision can change based on information that the team receives.

We need your help in to keep school in-person. Please wear face coverings in public, avoid large gatherings, stay home when sick and maintain social distancing. This is a community effort. We also ask that you continue to do the great job you have been doing by continuing to follow the Decision Tree and keep any sick students home. Also, we have been asked to remind families that if any family member is symptomatic and goes to get tested, that ALL members of that family need to stay home until the test results come back. Following these measures will help keep school in session even longer.

Thank you for your help in keeping Tri-County safe and healthy.