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Dear Families,

This week Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Health issued additional requirements schools must adhere to that would allow and/or maintain in person learning in their school buildings. As part of these requirements, the Port Allegany School District is required to submit an *Attestation Form Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts*. This form must be signed by the superintendent and board president and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by Monday, November 30.

School districts were provided two options:

1. Maintain in-person instruction for some or all students and agree to adhere to the universal face covering and associated guidance. Additionally, schools must adhere to the 'Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following a Case(s) of COVID-19'.
2. Transition to a fully remote learning model. Schools in the remote model will continue to use remote learning until the county (or counties) in which the public school entity is located is no longer experiencing substantial disease transmission for two consecutive weeks.

This evening the Port Allegany School District Board of Directors approved option 1 and has submitted this required form to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Please note that the 'Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following a Case(s) of COVID-19' will require school closure for in person learning depending on the size of the school building and the rolling 14 day average of COVID cases in students and/or staff. These mandated closure periods could last between 3-14 days. Should a closure period occur in either or both of our buildings, the Port Allegany School District will shift to remote learning during that time.

It is the full expectation that the Port Allegany School District will be open for in-person instruction on Tuesday, December 1. However, it is unlikely that we will make it through the

winter months without seeing some type of interruption. Families should prepare in advance for this expected disruption in one or both of our buildings.

The district will continue to share information with families as it becomes available.

On behalf of the staff, administration, and board of directors, we wish you all a pleasant and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Gary Buchsen

Gary Buchsen, Superintendent