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Dear Cleveland Hill School Community,

I would again like to express my sincere appreciation for your support, cooperation and patience through this dramatic shift in how we deliver education and services. Our school-community partnership has been the cornerstone to effectively reopening school. That same relationship will continue to be vital as we move forward in the coming weeks and months ahead. We are committed to providing your children the best hybrid and virtual learning experience we possibly can. With class sizes smaller on "in-person" days, many of our teachers are finding they been able to have deeper and more focused interactions with the children. I am also pleased to say that students seem to genuinely be enjoying their time with their friends and teachers while here in school.

We have been able to accommodate requests for students to switch to the hybrid model from our fully remote, and will continue to do so as long as our current staffing structure allows. Please recall, that full remote instruction was a 10-week commitment. If you are considering this change for your child, please reach out to your child's principal or counselor as soon as possible so that we can begin planning. If needed, at the end of the marking period, we will adjust our staff to allow for the return of all interested students.

There are two other items that I would like to share with you;

With support from NYSDOH, the ECDOH is establishing sites for **point-of-care testing** to identify COVID cases in school settings. At this time, they offer scheduled appointments for this testing to:

- Symptomatic students who attend any in-person classes in a school
- Symptomatic school employees (must bring a school ID)

The ECDOH will have three sites set up each weekday at a Northtowns, Central and Southtowns location starting 9/28. These appointments can be scheduled by calling 716-858-2929, the Erie County COVID-19 Information Line. They plan to open scheduling two days in advance; anyone who they cannot accommodate will be offered an appointment through their regular drive-through sites.

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) now has a **contact tracing team** that is specifically focused on schools. In the event we have a case here on campus, they would make the determination of what steps we take to best ensure the health, safety and welfare of our students, faculty and staff. To assist you in understanding this process, I have included the most recent FAQ from the ECDOH. Additionally, the ECDOH has a website intended to provide insight into how they will respond to COVID cases within schools. Here is a link to that website erie.gov/covid19/schools.

Please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher, counselor or building if you have any questions, or need any additional support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon MacSwan