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December 8, 2020

Dear Cleveland Hill School Community;

We have been able to secure licensing through the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) to begin testing students and staff for COVID-19. Our Medical Director has agreed to sign-off as the ordering physician as well as the Director of the School rapid testing program. **Our plan is to return to our hybrid model of instruction and begin testing on Monday, December 14, 2020.** There are still many moving parts to this transition, many out of our control, and if any of those falters, we will change course and hold off our return until after the holiday recess. Our Assistant Superintendent, Mr. David Evans, will have oversight of the testing and will be forwarding you specific details this Thursday regarding how our testing program will work for both our students and staff.

**We are requesting all parents and students to honor their commitment to either the hybrid or remote model of instruction that they were enrolled in prior to our shift to remote on Monday, November 23, 2020.** We did have requests to switch to either the remote or hybrid model prior to this date. Accommodating any requests to change instructional models prior to January is not possible as our staffing is structured based upon current enrollment numbers.

If you are planning on requesting a change for after the holidays from the instructional model that your child was enrolled in prior to the shift to full-remote learning, you must communicate that with your child's Principal no later than Friday, December 18, 2020. Should any significant shift in students preferred instructional model occur, the building level teams will adjust staffing over the holiday recess to accommodate the best they can. Please understand that any significant shift may result in your child being assigned a new teacher and/or classroom. Please also note that some programs, especially at the secondary level may not be available to students while in the full-remote setting. Your building Principal will communicate that information

Data from around the globe has demonstrated that schools are one of the safest places for children and adults to be. We feel strongly that this push to get kids back in school as soon as possible is critical, especially when we see the struggles that many have experienced in the full-remote model. We will continue our strict adherence to the mitigation strategies, health recommendations and processes outlined in our reopening plan as we move forward. I want you to know that I would never reopen schools to in-person learning in an environment that I would not want my own children to be in. I am very proud of the safe teaching and learning environment that we as a school community developed and implemented months ago. I am confident that our new testing program and protocols will only add to the effectiveness of what we have already done.

Expect regular communication from us over the coming days as further details are shared. I again thank you for your partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon MacSwan  
Superintendent of Schools