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Public Announcement

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Perry County Listed as RED on Governor's risk map.

We were informed this afternoon that Perry County will be listed as a red this week on the Governor's map. If you review our Return to School plan it indicates the possibility of going to a Blended approach should the county go to red. The plan also includes guidance that this decision will be made in collaboration with the Perry County Health Department based on COVID data for the district.

In a call with the Health Department this afternoon we are in agreement that the current COVID trends are not reflected in our district and that we should remain in person learning at this time.

Having said that, we will also be monitoring the situation daily and will make adjustments accordingly. Our positive COVID case total is very low in our district. We have quarantined both staff and students as a precaution when a case is confirmed and although those are not positive cases they do impact our staffing. This may result in grade levels or buildings being placed on remote at times due to staff shortages. We will continue to do our best to mitigate these occurrences. Our student and staff safety is the most important piece of this equation and at any time that we feel it necessary to go fully remote we will provide 48 hour notice when possible.

Finally, we do not plan on going remote at this time. Again, the decision will be based on the data for our district and in the best interest of our students and staff. We ask that you continue to assist us in this mission by monitoring your child's symptoms, do not send them to school if they are ill or have a fever. Wash your hands often and continue to wear masks and socially distance yourselves from others.

Thank you for your assistance!

Yours in Education,

Tom Perkins
Superintendent