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Dear Blue Jay Family:

It is with nothing but thoughtful discussion amongst our experts here at school and the local Health Departments that we have concluded that we need to make the move to a Remote Learning model for the next two weeks of school (October 26 to November 6) here in the Junior High and High School. We are saddened about this decision, but we need to make a change to ensure the safety of our staff and students, and the Delphos Community. While also wanting to let parents and staff know as far in advance as possible, so you can make arrangements and plan accordingly.

The latest case numbers we have received from the Allen/Van Wert County Health Department are not showing improvement for our school or community. We currently have 59 students out due to contact tracing and 4 positive cases amongst our student body and 1 positive case amongst our staff, in the Junior High/High School. We also have additional students who are waiting on test results, who are also self-quarantining. With the increase in our COVID count, and with the best interest of the students and staff in mind, it is very important that we take the necessary precautions to help ensure we limit any further potential spread here at school and within our community.

We feel in order to maintain the health of the school building and the students who reside here; we need to take further measures to spread students/staff out to reduce the chances of a school transmission, resulting in our decision to move to Remote Learning for the next two weeks. We know Remote Learning is not the best course of action for our students and their academic and mental well-being, however in order to try for in-person education in the future it is the necessary step.

The number of students and staff affected by contact tracing and/or positive cases has led us to the decision to implement our Remote Plan. The Remote Learning Policy can be found on our website, as it is also shared with you through email. The goal of our plan is to provide daily instruction for our students, in a format that is similar to in-person education, giving our students the best sense of a normal educational environment we can. We are also planning to have special needs and at-risk students come into school as necessary to receive the support they need to continue their academic development.

We will be moving to our Remote Learning model on Tuesday, October 27, and we will operate under this model until at least Friday, November 6, praying for a return to in-person education on November 9, with a decision on extending the Remote Learning model to be made by Thursday, November 5. We are planning to change our schedule for Monday the 26 to be a staff training and professional development day without students in attendance, in-person or online. Allowing our staff a day to prep their Remote Learning Classrooms to ensure our instruction is the best it can be for our students over the next two weeks.

Any additional information about other items, as this is new to all of us, will be shared as soon as possible.

Thank you as always for your support and dedication to our Blue Jay Family. There is no question we will work through this and great things will result, as we will persevere and overcome.

Peace and Blessings,

Adam Lee
Junior High/High School Principal