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Update—School Re-entry Status—September 4, 2020

Dear East Pennsboro Families and Community,

Our students have been back to school working from home (in Level III of Re-entry Plan) for two weeks now. Our teachers have been working three weeks. Thank you to our students and parents as we have had to work through glitches and hiccups as we navigate the virtual learning platform. We applaud our teachers with heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the duty of love and care, energy and enthusiasm that they are pouring into their lessons as they meet each day with students. Everyone is working very hard to engage students to love their learning. The changes involved in working with this new virtual platform are immense and present challenges. Thus, thank you everyone for your patience and resilience. We are beginning to get accustomed to the Livestreaming approach to teaching and learning. Learning is socially constructed. We know that being in school, together with teachers and classmates is the best, ideal environment. We are all making the best of the situation.

Safety is our first concern in providing the best instructional environment for our students and teachers. Our goal is to transition to Level II of the Re-Entry Plan which entails students reporting to school learning in person 2 days a week and learning from home 3 days a week. Teachers K-12 would continue to use livestreaming to reach students while they are learning remotely from home. At the secondary level teachers would livestream new material Monday

through Friday. At this point in time, we believe that we would be able to manage to transition our elementary schools and high school, but not our middle school to Level II.

For families who wish to stay with livestreaming, keeping their children home learning virtually, this is indeed an option.

With experience in the virtual learning model to date, we are examining closely how we might refine the model. As we collaborate with our teachers, principals, teachers' association, and from feedback from families, we are working through the details of the plan and will share out with you these details as soon as possible.

We realize that transitioning through Levels III to II poses challenges to families for various reasons. Unfortunately, under the Covid-19 pandemic, we are faced with the need to be agile and flexible in making necessary transition decisions.

Our hope is to move to Level II, the blended, hybrid model September 28, 2020. We will keep in close communication over the next week and into the future. Level I, in-person, normal teaching and learning is our ideal. Safety is our #1 goal. We will get through this together! Thank you for your support. We wish our families a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Sincerely,

Donna

“Together we learn – learning is the work.”