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TRIWAY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Triway Families,

This school year presented many challenges for our students, staff, and families. We quickly transitioned to remote learning in March, and continued this mode of instruction for the remainder of the school year. While addressing immediate concerns, we simultaneously began planning for the 2020-2021 school year. As a district, we learned a great deal about education in an ever-changing environment, and have spent a considerable amount of time laying out a number of options for the fall. The safety of our students, staff, and community remains paramount in our decision making process.

We recently put out a survey to gauge current thoughts on the reopening of school buildings, as well as school transportation. We appreciate the nearly 800 respondents that provided feedback.

Meeting with our various departments (transportation, custodial, food service, front office) has been an instrumental component of structuring a plan that is rooted in health and safety, while maintaining flexible options. We have also invested in increased mental health and social emotional learning resources in preparation for next school year. The challenges that COVID has presented, combined with significant budget reductions from the state, have required creativity as we prepare for next school year.

Today, Governor DeWine, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health, released the Reset and Restart Education Planning Guide. As the state developed their guidelines, we worked simultaneously on our restart plan. This newly released guide, coupled with the district's restart planning, will allow us to release detailed information to our families. A committee, composed of representatives from across the district, has worked diligently to identify barriers throughout the district and subsequent action steps to address those needs.

We will continue to collaborate with the Wayne County Health Department in order to assure that we have a plan that meets public health guidelines, while allowing high quality instruction to take place.

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We continue to ask for your patience as we digest the Governor's recommendations, and solidify a safe, concise, and flexible plan that will allow our families to make important decisions for the 2020-2021 school year. It is important to understand that our initial plan may require immediate pivoting throughout the school year based on new public health information and guidelines.

Please visit our website, <http://www.triway.k12.oh.us/covid-19>, for the most recent information.

Sincerely,

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