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Greater Nanticoke Area School District Community,

I want to thank our community for your support during these most difficult and challenging times. The pandemic has created many challenges as we strive to get back to some semblance of normalcy. Our faculty, staff, and administration feel the same way.

Unfortunately, with the increases of COVID-19 cases rising throughout the county and state we suspended the hybrid mode of instruction on October 23rd. The district will continue to be virtual this week as we hope the case counts decrease in our county and state.

We will be continuing to use the information provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Health (DOH) to identify thresholds representing low, moderate, or substantial community transmission of COVID-19. These thresholds help determine the corresponding instructional model recommended by the DOH and PDE. In order for us to continue to operate with in-person instruction / hybrid the incidence rate per 100,000 residents must be <100 and the Percent Positivity Rate (PCR) should be between 5-10%.

Unfortunately, as of October 23rd our Incidence Rate has exceeded the threshold of 100 per 100,000 residents has moved our level of community transmission to the Substantial Category. As of Friday, October 30th our county incidence rate of transmission of COVID-19 was listed as 132 per 100,000 residents which was higher than 100 per 100,000 residents. **In-person/hybrid classes will resume as soon as the county transmission rate is back to the Moderate Category.**

We understand the importance of in-person classes and hope that hybrid/in-person classes can resume soon. While in hybrid, I want to thank our students and staff for faithfully wearing a mask in school and keeping a distance of six feet or more from others. These actions have successfully allowed us seven weeks of in-person/hybrid instruction and I am very proud of their efforts. These guidelines including frequent handwashing and sanitizing are in place for our safety as well as our civic duty to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Please continue to do your part outside of the school day by always wearing a face covering and by following social distancing guidelines.

Again, I appreciate your cooperation and flexibility during these unprecedented times with the hopes of getting back to normal as soon as it is safely possible.

Yours in Education,

Ronald J. Grevera, Ed.D.