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Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am sorry to inform our school community that this morning we had to quarantine five classes and several staff members due to contact with COVID-19 symptomatic individuals. While there have not been any confirmed COVID-19 (based on positive laboratory tests), the new guidelines require the quarantining of close contacts of symptomatic individuals.

Due to the sudden need to quarantine multiple classes and associated staff members, the Washington Township School District will be moving to an all remote program beginning tomorrow (Tuesday, November 24, 2020). We understand that this sudden change is a significant challenge to families, but it is necessary to ensure the safety of staff and students.

Reminder for remote learning schedules, teachers may schedule small group, 1:1 sessions, and/or office hours between 1:00pm and 3:00pm daily with students. Wednesday, November 25th is an early dismissal day. Schools are closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Families will be able to pickup student breakfast and lunch meals at Brass Castle School tomorrow, Tuesday, 11/24/2020 from 12:00pm – 1:30pm for multiple days. After this week, families will be able to pickup student breakfast and lunch meals on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00pm – 1:30pm, during this full remote learning period.

We remain proud of the 55 days of in person instruction we have had this year without the need to close. This is a testament to the Washington Township community for being safe outside of school, and it is a testament to our staff for implementing consistent safety protocols inside of school. Although a switch to all virtual instruction was something we were trying to avoid, the increase of COVID-19 cases in our region and the changes in quarantining protocols makes that impossible at this time.

The Washington Township School District plans to open for in-person learning starting on Monday, December 14th provided the COVID-19 cases in the region allow for the safe re-opening. Updates for the return to in-person learning will be provided as soon as possible.

Please know, the health and well-being of our students, staff, and the entire school community are of the utmost importance to us. I will continue to keep you informed as this situation develops and additional data becomes available.

Sincerely,

Keith Neuhs
Superintendent