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Dear Defiance Community,

I want to take this opportunity to commend our staff, students and parents for their continued cooperation, commitment, and flexibility in making this school year a great one. As we look around our county, state, and country, we are seeing a rise in the number of cases of the virus. However, we are encouraged by the numbers being reported in relation to COVID-19 and the limited amount of spread within K-12 school districts everywhere.

We knew coming into the school year we would have positive cases but unsure to what level they would be. We also know this may change and that we will be challenged as we head into flu season. COVID-19 continues to be closely monitored by our administrative team. We will continue to keep the safety of our students and staff our number one priority as we move forward with in person learning. Wellness Checks are in place and are helping us in protecting our staff and students. We encourage you to have conversations with your child(ren) about any symptoms they may have. Your assistance with daily symptom assessments prior to coming to school is necessary and greatly appreciated. Please keep them at home if they have a fever or are exhibiting any other symptoms.

We have seen area districts having to execute their remote learning plan as they struggle to find enough staffing to operate. Other districts have moved to a hybrid model and cancelled athletic contests. These situations have created rumors within our community. There are a number of variables that can change very quickly in a district from one day to the next. **We will communicate any change to our school operations as soon as humanly possible, this includes if a change from in person learning is deemed necessary.**

Please be sure to continue to monitor our COVID-19 dashboard on our website (www.defiancecityschools.org). This information is updated every school day. It displays our current number of positive cases and the number of students and/or staff under quarantine as a direct result of a positive case. Finally, in adherence with the Ohio Department of Health's order, each time a positive case arises, we will continue to send parent letters through School Messenger as well as post the information on our website.

Sincerely,



Robert Morton, Superintendent