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Dear EFSD Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Elizabeth Forward School District Board of School Directors, Administrators, Teachers and Support Staff, we would like to thank the entire Elizabeth Forward Community for their continued support as we provide in-person and remote learning for our students. We are so proud of our EFSD community for working together. We are truly EFstrong!

The Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, Dr. Rachel Levine, issued a Travel Order starting tomorrow for individuals traveling into and returning to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Order states that, "... (individuals) must produce a negative SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) test from a specimen collected within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth, or quarantine for 14 days..." **If your family is planning to travel out of State in November or December, please contact your school principal or school nurse as soon as possible.** We will help you navigate the new travel requirements.

The Elizabeth Forward School District continues to work with the Allegheny County Health Department, Governor Wolf's Office and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to evaluate the most current information for our school district related to COVID-19. While we're aware that cases of COVID-19 are on the rise, both locally and across Pennsylvania, our goal is to keep our students and staff safe and try to keep all of our schools open. We currently have only one (1) active COVID-19 case involving students and staff within the school district. We anticipate that tomorrow, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will provide school districts in Allegheny County with a recommendation that all school districts go to full remote learning. **As long as we can continue to have success with mitigating and contact tracing, we have no intention to change our instructional model at this time.** This is a fluid situation and we will continue to monitor cases, contact trace, and keep everyone updated with the latest information.

I would like to remind everyone that we are in this together. We need to keep everyone safe and healthy and our goal is to keep our schools open throughout the school year. With the upcoming holidays, please continue to practice all recommended safety protocols including restricting travel, practicing social distancing, wearing face coverings and washing your hands frequently. According to the Allegheny County Health Department, social gatherings such as birthday parties, weddings, funerals, and sleepovers increase the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

We recognize that these are challenging times for everyone, please know that we will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of our students, staff, and community. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd E. Keruskin
Superintendent of Schools