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Dear Elizabeth Forward Parent/Guardian,

We hope that you and your family are doing well and please know that everyone is in our thoughts and prayers! Thank you for working together the last two weeks as we transitioned into full remote learning. We know that this has been difficult for everyone. The shift to remote learning was needed with the increase in COVID-19 related issues with our staff, students and our community. The Elizabeth Forward School District is committed to providing a quality education even during this global pandemic, while not compromising your child's health and well-being.

Elizabeth Forward School District continues to work with the Allegheny County Health Department, Governor Wolf's Office, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to obtain the most current information related to COVID-19.

Starting on Monday, December 14th, Elizabeth Forward School District will return to in-person learning models exactly the same as before the Thanksgiving break. Elementary schools will return to the 5-days per week instructional model and the middle and high school will return to the hybrid instructional model. We will continue to closely monitor this situation and follow all directions provided by the Allegheny County Health Department. Updates will be provided when any additional information becomes available.

Further information regarding daily schedules and other important details will be communicated through your building principal and classroom teachers. We will be limiting mask breaks, except for lunch and mask breaks outside. The Pennsylvania Department of Education of Health has updated plastic face shields – “Alternative to a face covering” may include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth, extends below the chin and to the ears, and leaves no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.

We are committed to keeping your child and our whole school community safe and healthy. **We ask you to use the District's Symptom Screening Tool everyday with your child. If your child becomes symptomatic or may have been in close contact with a positive case, your child needs to stay home and please notify the school nurse immediately.**

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact my office at 412-896-2310.

Thank you,

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