



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 12, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members-at-Large,

As you are aware, the District “pressed the pause button” for in-person learning on November 12th and November 13th for the Garden Spot Secondary Campus. This week a person at the Middle School was identified as a positive COVID-19 case, one probable COVID-19 case emerged at Garden Spot Middle School, one at Garden Spot High School, and one at Brecknock Elementary. This means that four out of five school facilities (Blue Ball Elementary, Brecknock Elementary, Garden Spot Middle School, and Garden Spot High School) have “active” cases. Keep in mind that some of these active cases will clear soon. With the County now in the “substantial” category, the highest level of alert of the three levels, we are factoring that information into our decision-making process as well. The pause allows us to clear several quarantine groups and allow them to return to in-person learning and conduct additional levels of disinfection and cleaning over the closure.

Assuming that no new probable cases or positive COVID-19 cases emerge in the next few days, the quarantine number of learners will fall off significantly by Monday of this coming week as will the number of “case pods” that we are monitoring. I will provide another update early next week.

Thank you for the continued support of our faculty and support staff members and the patience that you have graciously given the School District as we navigate these difficult decisions and meet these challenges.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Hollister". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

Robert M. Hollister, Ed.D.

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