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Dear Pottsville Area School District Families,

The PASD Pandemic Planning Team conducted its weekly meeting this morning, and we wanted to provide you with updates on our progress. We had a tremendous response to the family surveys, and we are so appreciative of the time you spent providing input. The feedback received on the surveys included a wide array of suggestions for how to return safely to school. We will consider all input, and carefully balance your responses with the guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and any additional current scientific research available.

Our Pandemic Planning Team is composed of representatives from many facets of our school district including teachers, administrators, transportation, facilities and grounds, food services, athletics, health professionals, and technology. This provides multiple perspectives in creating an inclusive and comprehensive plan for safely reopening our schools. Additionally, all PASD personnel were surveyed to offer suggestions and input regarding the reopening process. We have great value in the perspectives of all school community members, and will continue to use this information in our planning.

As we move forward, our team will continue to meet weekly. Training for personnel will be offered in the upcoming weeks, focused on safety protocols and establishing standard practices that reflect the most current guidelines to create a safe and healthy learning environment. Our team is continuing to explore effective instructional delivery methods to meet the needs of our school community, while remaining cognizant of the well-being of our students and staff.

Your continued support and constructive input throughout these unprecedented times are greatly appreciated. We are confident that our Tide family will persevere and grow stronger navigating this path together.

Sincerely,

PASD Pandemic Planning Team