Parents and Guardians:

Good evening. You are receiving this communication because your child is a member of our Early Return population for December 9, 2020. You responded to a survey indicating that you would elect to send them to school for onsite learning. I committed to verifying the plan moving forward by today, December 3, 2020.

After careful consideration, much debate and discussion, and a thorough review of our current data, I regret to inform you that we cannot move forward with this plan. I sincerely apologize for this update's nature, as it is not the message I had hoped to send out tonight.

We based this decision on PDE and the PA Secretary of Health's current recommendations, which stipulate schools remain in remote learning during a period of 'Substaional Community Transmission.' Both Chester County and Montgomery Counties have been in the substantial range for multiple weeks, ranging in the 7-8% transmission rates. My team and I first contemplated moving forward, regardless of this data, with plans for rigorous mitigation in place. Our Trustees acknowledged our authority to do so and provided the Health Secretary's Attestation to those measures.

However, looking closely at our sending districts, we concluded that it is not in our students' and community's overall best interest.

A review of district data shows that our greatest sending three districts are showing transmission levels much higher than the counties as a whole:

Springford Area School District 34.59%
Norristown Area School District 24.61 %
Phoenixville Area School District 17.8%

Most importantly, your child remains a high priority for support and intervention. While we cannot have them on campus, we will begin immediately to engage with other resources to increase school support access. Additionally, with your permission, we will expect your child to return to campus at the earliest possible date as circumstances allow.

Thank you for your continued understanding, support, and partnership.
In Health and wellness,

Dr. Guarino Buli