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In reference to the data listed in the letter to our families last Friday, unfortunately, the conditions in our Nation, Commonwealth, Region, and Counties have not improved. Given this trend, it is highly likely that tomorrow's weekly Dept of Health data release will reaffirm that both of our Counties will remain in the Substantial category of community transmission, accompanied by standing recommendations from both the Depts of Health and Education to revert to remote instruction.

Additionally, as we have added confirmed infections this week, our District is aware that school attendance could very well have the unintended consequence of more quarantines with more infections, thus having negative impacts for many families this Thanksgiving.

A temporary pause for the three days prior to Thanksgiving is now prudent, for all grades K-12. Thus, please plan for all students K-12 to engage in full remote instruction next week (November 23-25), with Wednesday, November 25th, operating as an asynchronous instruction day (just like our regular Fridays).

These three days will also serve useful for families that have not engaged in remote instruction since the beginning of October to readjust and prepare for our schedule for after the holidays (see below and/or letter from 11/13).

As a proactive mitigation strategy, as a reminder please find the following calendar/schedule adjustments below (all Fridays will remain remote/asynchronous):

Post-Thanksgiving Break

Buffalo and South Buffalo Elementary Schools

- Full Remote Instruction on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Return to their normal face-to-face instruction schedule on December 7th

Middle and High Schools

- Full Remote Instruction on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- Hybrid-A/B Days schedule on December 7th, 8th and 9th, 10th
- Return to their normal face-to-face instruction schedule on December 14th

As we do every week, if you are in need of school meals, please place your orders at:
<https://forms.gle/qPcRdnkECci86LWR9>

Also, should you have technology related questions, please reach out to: helpdesk@freeport.k12.pa.us
Please also visit <http://bit.ly/fasdremoteinstruction> for important reminders and guidance on Remote Instruction.

Let's do our part to honor our healthcare frontline workers by stopping spread by wearing our masks, distancing, and avoiding large gatherings. Doing this out of respect for those medical professionals also serves to keep our schools open safely.