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Dear Mendon Schools Families:

This is an extremely difficult letter to write to you, our school families. After agonizing over what to do regarding our remote learning, and after several conversations with the Health Department and Administrative Team - we have made another difficult decision. Mendon Community Schools, grades Pre-K through 12, will continue with Remote Learning with a return date of January 4th. Again, this was not an easy decision, as we know the hardship it brings to our families. We felt, at this time, it was the safest decision for all involved.

In addition, we again appreciate all of your efforts to have your child(ren) in attendance at their remote learning classes. It has been incredibly gratifying to see them interact with their teachers and classmates, and we want to be sure all of our students are being educated to the fullest extent during these unprecedented times. If you are having trouble connecting to Google Classroom or with any other part of the remote learning, PLEASE let us know. Our teachers need to (and want to) connect with their students, so they will be reaching out by any method of communication possible to make sure no one falls behind.

Once again, please keep us posted and updated on any positive cases that occur with our students as well as any students who have been exposed to the virus. In order to make the most informed decisions regarding the safety of our students and staff, we need to have the most current, updated information in a timely manner. You can call your child's building Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8am and 2pm. Friday, December 18th, the offices will be closed for the start of the holiday break.

Again, we know that this puts a strain on our families, students and staff, but we truly believe that if we all do our part over these next few weeks to pause and help slow the spread - we may just have a shot at continuing our school year with our desperately needed face-to-face learning.

With this decision comes the necessity for the elementary to have another delivery of remote learning materials. We will deliver these materials on Tuesday, December 8th, and we will send out a Honeywell when deliveries begin. These materials will be for learning that takes place Wednesday, December 9th through Thursday, December 17th.

Please feel free to call your building's office if you have any questions and continue to stay as safe as you possibly can during these challenging times.

Sincerely

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