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Dear Jamestown School District Families,

I would like to commend you, your child(ren) and our staff for the incredible efforts these past five weeks as we navigated all the new protocols and procedures during our hybrid learning model during COVID. As you may know, the current data from Public Health continues to show that our county case rate, test positivity, and hospitalizations are going up at a rapid rate which has caused the county to move from the yellow tier directly to purple. According to our Public Health Officer, this trend will unfortunately continue and even get worse. This has placed a significant burden on Public Health to notify the school district in a timely fashion for any positive cases and to effectively contact trace. Also, there has been difficulty in accessing testing with timely testing results. These factors are of great concern for the district and have increased anxiety and fear for our families and staff.

Again, I would like to emphasize that our health and safety protocols have been effective. Your cooperation in health screening and notifying us of any symptoms or testing results has allowed us to stay on top of any further school exposure. All quarantining of classes currently is out of an abundance of caution, due to outside of school exposure at this time. However, the significant community transmission that we are experiencing right now may prove to be more than our district safety protocols and measures can contain.

Last night the Governing Board listened to public comment, deliberated, and made the **decision, 5-0, to temporarily shift our instructional hybrid model to ALL distance learning beginning November 30, 2020 through January 15, 2021 with a projected return to our hybrid model on January 19, 2021.** Hopefully this time period will see us through the holiday season, cold and flu season, and will allow for a successful containment of this high community transmission.

Your child's teacher will be preparing students for the transition to all distance learning. Materials will be coming home and information will be shared with you as to any changes in schedules and expectations. It is very important that all students attend class virtually daily and complete all assigned work. Please reach out and contact us for any questions or clarifications.

If we want our students back in school, we must all do our part in stopping the spread of COVID-19. I know it is not fun to always wear a mask and to stay home avoiding travel and social gatherings. I too want to spend the holidays with my extended family, but made the difficult decision to stay in our household bubble. Please continue to follow prevention guidelines:

- Practice physical distancing at all times. Keep 6 feet space between yourself and others who are not part of your household. Stay in your household bubble!
- Wear a face covering in public.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Avoid gatherings of any size with people who are not part of your household.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid unnecessary travel, and limit your outings to essential tasks.

Stay healthy and safe.

In partnership,

Contessa Pelfrey

Contessa Pelfrey, Superintendent.