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Dear Queen Bee 16 Families,

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through this pandemic together. I just received confirmation that the public health metrics upon which we rely to make decisions have shown significant increases both countywide and within our community. The cases per 100,000 in our county has risen above the 100 number, and this indicates that we will be elevated from Moderate Risk of Transmission to Substantial Risk of Transmission. The numbers that we are seeing within our community and throughout our Zip Code are even higher over the past seven days, and we have seen an increase in student and staff absenteeism.

As a result of a review of this community data, we will be shifting our Hybrid Students into full Remote for next week, Monday, October 19 – Friday, October 23. We will then review the available data once again. The Hybrid Students will not change teachers, nor will they change classmates or schedules. Our plan was built to accommodate instances when the public health data shifted to Substantial Risk, and our teachers and Principals are prepared to ensure that we transition smoothly during this pause of our Hybrid Program. The schedules for our Remote Only students will not be impacted by this pause in our Hybrid Program.

It is important to note that we have not experienced an outbreak within our district over the past month, and our students and team members are doing an outstanding job of mitigating the potential transmission while in our school buildings. The reality is that the spread within the county and communities experiencing increases, as we are, is due to interactions beyond our schools. My priority remains the safety of our students and staff, and our ability to deliver In-person Instruction heavily depends on the healthy behaviors of each member of our community. Frequent handwashing, mask-wearing, symptom monitoring, and staying home when you don't feel well are things that we all can be doing to slow the rate of community transmission and help lower the rate of infection.

We remain committed to delivering a high quality education for all of our students in either the Remote Only or the Hybrid Programs, and we will resume our In-Person Instruction through the Hybrid Program as soon as the public health metrics indicate that it is safe for our students and staff to do so. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause in your family or work lives. It is my sincere hope that the data is favorable for the next week, and we can resume our Hybrid one week from Monday.

Please feel free to contact your Principal if you have any questions or concerns or contact me directly if any issues need my attention.

Thank you,



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The mission of Queen Bee Schools is to set high standard to ensure that all students learn, grow and achieve.