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As you know, since the school year began in September, all Steel Valley students have been attending class remotely in order to comply with COVID-19 guidelines and keep students and staff safe and healthy. However, as the school year has progressed, we understand our parents’ wish to return students to in-person classrooms.

The Steel Valley School District believes that all students learn more effectively in an in-person fashion. While our ultimate goal is 5 full days of in-person instruction, at this time we feel that the safest way to reacclimate students in the buildings is a phased, hybrid approach. This plan allows students to see their teachers 5 days a week and provides a continuum of learning. We do understand the strain on working families during this time which is one reason we will review this plan every 15 school days to gauge effectiveness. If the plan has been successful, we will look to increase the in-person learning time for our students.

We can all agree that we are in a challenging time. This is a unique situation, one that none of us has faced before. It is the unprecedented nature of this situation, which has created this challenge. Despite the challenges ahead, we are confident that our district and families will continue to work together to provide the best possible experience for our students, with health and safety being our top priority. Let us continue to offer each other support and care as we navigate this together.