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Dear North East Family,

We wanted to provide you with an update on what we have been working on. Our Pandemic Task Force has been meeting regularly to work on the required Pennsylvania Department of Education Back to School Health and Safety Plan. The Health and Safety plans were approved by the Board of Directors on June 24, 2020, and are now posted on the district website. I wanted to take a moment to say “thank you” to the team members which are listed on the last page of the plan. These plans provide a foundation for what the district will do to keep our children and staff safe as we plan for the reopening of school in the fall. We will also begin our PIAA sports programs. Only in season, PIAA sanctioned, sports will be permitted to operate on our campus at this time.

We understand, based on our parent survey, that some families may be apprehensive about having their child return. My administrative team and the Task Force will continue to work on high quality learning pathway options to meet the needs of all students. As you are aware, information changes daily. We will once again ask you to complete a survey to provide critical information for returning to school. This survey will be available online around July 21st.

We will continue our work over the next couple of months to refine our learning spaces, develop procedures for parent drop off and pick-up, update student and bus schedules, update cleaning and sanitizing routines, and refining our academic options for our students. Currently, Erie County is in the Green Phase. As of right now, in both the Green and Yellow Phases, the North East School District will bring our children back to school on August 25, 2020. We will also continue to provide free meals through July, for all children under the age of eighteen. If you did not sign up and are interested in receiving meals, please email Mrs. Robin Hedlund at rhedlund@nesd1.org.

We wanted to let our families know that our campus will open for walking, jogging, and physical activities on July 1st; however, the playground and buildings will remain closed to the public.

Again, we appreciate all of your support during this time. Please continue to monitor our website for updates. Please let us know if you need anything as we continue to plan for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent