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District to Move All Instruction Remote Beginning Monday, November 16

PITTSBURGH November 13, 2020 – New numbers from the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) related to the conditions of COVID-19 across the state and in Allegheny County have prompted Superintendent Anthony Hamlet to transition all students to full-time E-Learning. While the nearly doubled PCR Percent Positivity growth from 4.3 to 7.7 percent is moderate, the acceleration of the incidence rate from 65.9 to 138.7 percent indicates a substantial level of community transmission. For the safety of all students and staff, the 804 students who began in-person instruction this week will transition back to full-time remote learning.

“In consultation with our District physician and aligned to guidance by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, we will transition back to full-time E-Learning for all students,” said Superintendent Anthony Hamlet. “While it was a joy to actually see children and teachers in our buildings again, the safety of our students, staff and families is a top priority. We cannot ignore the continued growth of COVID-19 in our area.”

In anticipation of increased numbers due to the upcoming holiday season, full-time E-Learning will continue for all students until no earlier than January 4, when the District will begin a phased approach to hybrid in-person instruction. To limit the spread of COVID-19, District staff will also return to the previous nine weeks' routines, working remotely unless otherwise instructed by their supervisor.

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