



Penn-Trafford School District

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Dear Penn-Trafford Parents and Staff,

Once a week, the PA Department of Education publishes a list identifying the level of community transmission in each county over the most recent 7-day reporting period. A county can be identified as either Low, Moderate, or Substantial. When a county is identified as Substantial for at least two weeks in a row, the recommendation by the PA Department of Ed is to have schools close and have all of the students become full-remote learners. For more information on this subject matter, please [CLICK HERE](#).

For the week ending Friday, October 16, Westmoreland County was identified as Substantial based on the number of incident rates. Based on the data for Friday, October 23, it appears that Westmoreland County will still be identified as Substantial for the second week in a row. I have a follow-up meeting on Monday, October 26 with the DOH.

If Westmoreland County remains Substantial, Penn Trafford has decided to remain open in the same manner as we are currently operating. We will still discuss the high school hybrid option at the November 2nd School Board Meeting. We will continue to identify COVID-19 cases and make determinations for closures on a building by building basis according to the data that is available. Over the past month, we closed four of our schools based on the data and the need, and if necessary, we will continue to close buildings. If the state recommendation becomes a mandate, PTSD will obviously follow the mandate.

We certainly understand if you are not comfortable sending your child to school under these circumstances. You always have the option at any time to choose our PTSD remote instruction. Please contact your principal if you wish to exercise this option.

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