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Dear Yough School District Parent/Guardian:

This letter serves as the weekly update during our Full Virtual Instruction Days. Westmoreland County remains in “substantial” for the third consecutive week, with regard to the spread of COVID-19. With that being said, the Yough School District will continue to follow the recommendation of the Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education and remain on Full Virtual Instruction for the week of November 2, 2020.

The numbers within the county have reduced from 124 cases per 100,000 residents to 114 cases per 100,000 residents. Unfortunately, these numbers maintain our “substantial” rating. The number needed to move to moderate is less than 100 per 100,000 cases. Our surrounding communities are also still falling within the “substantial” designation at this time.

As a school district, the health, safety, and welfare of our students, staff, and communities is a priority. We are hopeful that the Full Virtual Instruction will only last for a short period of time. The goal will be to transition back to our original instructional model after the county receives **ONE** “moderate” designation, which is a change from last week’s plan to wait for two “moderate” designations. The district will communicate information regarding the closure on a weekly basis through our All Call system, as well as the district website. Designations from the state are announced on Mondays, therefore, parents should expect to hear updates on Monday afternoon/evening. Once there is a “moderate” designation we will announce the transition back to school and will begin face to face instruction within one day of the announcement to allow time for notification to families.

If you are in need of breakfast/lunch during the school closure, we will be having pickup on Mondays and Thursdays at Yough High School, Yough Intermediate Middle School, and West Newton Elementary from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. At this time, all students qualify for free breakfast/lunch through June 30, 2021. **In order to receive the free breakfast/lunch during this time, please visit the Yough School District website at [www.youghsd.net](http://www.youghsd.net) and complete the Google Form.** If you have yet to register, please complete the google form.

We want to thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. Your support for education, combined with your support for the health and safety of all is critical.

Sincerely,



Dr. Janet M. Sardon

Superintendent  
Yough School District