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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to confirm that Thomas Jefferson Middle School can and will reopen for in-person instruction starting on Tuesday January 19th. As per our modified hybrid model, Cohorts A & C will be in attendance on Tuesday and Thursday and Cohorts B & C on Wednesday and Friday of the coming week.

While one positive case was reported at the end of last week, this particular case was not part of our consideration in closing the building last week, and will not effect our reopening as the diagnosed individual has not been in the district since before our holiday break. As with all cases in the past, any individuals that were exposed will have or already have been contacted by local health officials or our school nurse.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19 within our community, so in addiiton to our normal routines of washing hands, keeping social distancing and avoiding large gatherings, we encourage all parties to follow some simple and basic guidelilnes:

- Do not send children to school who are exhibiting symptoms or have been exposed to people with symptoms.
- If a person in your household has tested positive, is presumed positive or is waiting for test results, do not send anyone from the household to school. As simple as it sounds, *when it doubt, keep them out.*
- Please report any relevant symtoms and positive tests to the school nurse.

As always, thank you for all your continued support and cooperation in helping us keep all members of our school community safe and healthy during this very trying time.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Alpaugh
Superintendent