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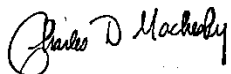
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter comes as continued efforts to keep our students and faculty updated on the most current Covid-19 related information. The Pennsylvania Department of Health weekly updates their Covid-19 Early Warning Monitoring System Dashboard. The Pennsylvania Department of Education uses this data to recommend instructional models based on the level of community transmission in each county. There are 3 levels: low, moderate, and substantial. Until Friday, November 20, 2020, Fayette County had remained in the moderate level. However, due to an increase of the incidence rate to 179.4 cases per 100,000 residents during the week of November 13-19th and a positive testing rate of 9.5%, Fayette County has been elevated to the substantial level of community transmission. This is not a reflection of the district's actions to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, but rather a direct effect of the amount of spread accruing in the community. When placed at this level the State Department of Education suggests that all county schools transition to full remote learning for all students. **Therefore, the Uniontown Area School District will begin full remote learning from Tuesday, December 1 through Friday, December 11.** Students currently participating by in-person learning will resume in-person learning on Monday, December 14th.

We feel that our students and teachers have the needed resources to make a positive transition to full remote learning. Students should take home materials on November 25th that might be needed at home. We will continue to monitor the levels of community transmission in Fayette County and keep you informed. As always the health of our students and faculty is our top priority.

We wish all of our families a safe and healthy Thanksgiving,



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