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Dear Hillside Main Campus Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family happy and healthy. Every thirty days we are required to reevaluate the model under which we provide instructional services to your child. A number of developments, listed below, have taken place over the course of the last several days which necessitates us making a longer term change to our instructional model.

- On November 10<sup>th</sup> we received guidance from Allegan County Health Department to consider a reduction in student density in our Hillside Main Campus programs.
- On November 12<sup>th</sup> we experienced a probable positive case of COVID-19 which included possible exposure of staff and students on our school grounds. This exposure coupled with high numbers of students and staff in quarantine caused us to shift to a temporary 100% remote instructional model.
- Allegan County is experiencing a positivity rate of 18.4%, higher than the state average.
- On November 15<sup>th</sup> MDHHS issued the Pause to Save Lives Order requiring all high schools to close in an attempt to mitigate the community spread of COVID-19.
- We have experienced that the first week following a holiday shows an increase in COVID cases which has a dramatic impact on staffing levels.

The safety of your child and the staff who care for their growth and development while at school is our first priority. While details are still being finalized, we wanted to update you regarding the change that will be included in the instructional plan.

- The 100% remote period for all Hillside Main Campus students is extended through Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Beginning December 7<sup>th</sup>, all hybrid students will shift to a two-day hybrid model. Students will attend either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday in person. Remote instruction will be available each day students do not attend in person.

We believe making these changes to our instructional plan will provide us with the best opportunity to continue in-person instruction throughout the remainder of the holiday season and winter months. You will receive additional information from Ms. Amy Tomlinson, Hillside Principal, before the end of the week.

Please check out our [Return to School webpage](#) for each program which includes the latest COVID related resources. We recognize that this has been, and continues to be, a difficult time for all of our families. We continue to strive to partner effectively with you to encourage your child’s growth and achievement. We are in this together!

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Reed  
Director of Specialized Instruction