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Dear Charger Parent,

We have consistently been thoughtful, pragmatic, and reflective in keeping the students and staff at the forefront of our decision making. We will remain in Phase 1 of the Carbondale Area School District Health and Safety Plan until the end of the marking period- November 10, 2020. A decision to remain in Phase 1 or move to Phase 2 will be made on October 26, 2020.

Our decision to remain in Phase 1 was based on the health conditions within Lackawanna County and the Commonwealth, orders and guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania.

We will continue to evaluate additional guidance and recommendations from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), World Health Organization (WHO), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). As information regarding COVID-19 changes, we will also enhance our plan.

As we work toward the goal of reopening schools as safely as possible, we will continue to refine the District's plan for Phase 2 and Phase 3. I am requesting your assistance in providing feedback and input. I will be sending a survey and education plan registration in my next communication. I will be seeking your opinion on Phase 1 instruction, your intention regarding in-person or distance learning for Phase 2, and your transportation needs for Phase 2. I kindly request your participation in this planning by Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

On behalf of the school district, thank you for your patience and support. We appreciate your support as we continue to work towards opening our buildings and providing a safe learning environment for our students, staff, and community.

With Charger Pride,

Holly W. Sayre
Superintendent of Schools
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