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To whom it may concern:

A message was sent to our parents in Upper Deerfield Township Schools to change our return for in-person instruction from January 8, 2021 to February 1, 2021 with a potential to return sooner as we monitor the spread of COVID 19 in our region, county, and community. All students will be on remote instruction through January 31, 2021 unless something changes and we can resume in-person sooner. This change was necessitated due to the most recent updates on COVID 19 as we received additional information and recommendations with regard to quarantining for contact tracing due to the rise in cases in our County, Region and Community. I understand our parents may need documentation for their employers and this letter is to serve as such documentation. Many of our parents opted for the in-person instruction and we continue to have more parents making the change from remote to in-person, but this is beyond their control as well as ours as a district. Thus, at this time we need to remain on full remote instruction in spite of our efforts to remain open.

As a district, we continue to coordinate closely with public health officials from the Cumberland County Department of Health and follow CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our school and community. Their guidance is what assists us and it was decided in conjunction with them our schools needed to extend this remote period given the rise in cases and the level of cases increasing from moderate to high in our region.

We know all too well from the past few months, things can change rather quickly and we ask that you be prepared at any time for a closure and return to full remote instruction for any reason beyond our control. This would include, but not be limited to an Executive Order from the Governor, outbreak of the virus, or possible positive test results that would require us to close a building, grade level, or our entire district for safety concerns and quarantine.

Thank you for your support and flexibility with regard to our parents in relationship to being able to care for their children while we navigate this uncharted territory. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (856) 455-2267 ext. 3201.

Sincerely,

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