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Dear Stockader Academy Families,

Thank you for your commitment to the *Schools PLP* program and to the demands that an alternative platform brings. We trust your child is having a good school year, albeit a non-traditional one.

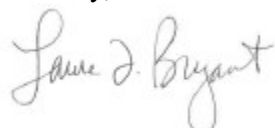
After much consideration, it has been decided that Old Fort Local Schools will not offer an online option next school year. This is due to many reasons, not the least of which is our lack of autonomy over the content and delivery of instruction through *Schools PLP* or our deep philosophical belief that a child graduating with an Old Fort diploma should primarily be educated at Old Fort by Old Fort teachers.

We have appreciated the opportunity to partner with *Schools PLP* and the consortium of local districts utilizing the program through North Central Ohio Educational Service Center to get us through this year and offer an alternative option to interested families. However, continuing to educate students through this medium does not fit with the vision and mission of Old Fort Local Schools. We hope you understand that our heart is to have kids in-person, face-to-face in the manner that both research and experience have found to be most effective.

In an effort to plan appropriately for your child's schedule next year, please let your building principal know by March 31st if your child(ren) will be returning to Old Fort next year or not. Please don't forget that the open enrollment window for out-of-district students will open on March 1st and close on March 31st as well.

If you have any questions about this notification or have concerns about your child returning in-person next year, please reach out to your building administrator as soon as possible so we can assist you in coming to the right decision for your family. We respect your right as a parent to decide what's in your child(ren)'s best interest. And although we'd love to welcome them back on campus, we respect whatever decision you make. Again, please let us know your intention either way by March 31st so we can enroll students in the appropriate classes to keep them on-track for graduation and grade level promotion. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Laura F. Bryant, Superintendent