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Dear Parents and Staff of Union Township School Corporation:

I begin with acknowledging my deep appreciation for all in your efforts to address COVID-19 in Union Township. To date, we have had eight positive cases in our schools. Each time we receive a positive notification, we work through a process to contact trace and notify the Porter County Health Department. We have been fortunate to date that we have not experienced a spread within our schools. With a rise in the number of cases in Porter County, it is imperative that we remain vigilant in our hand sanitizing, mask wearing, social distancing, and disinfectant procedures.

Last week, the Porter County Superintendents met virtually with the Porter County Health Department to discuss the rise in positive cases in Porter County. The increases have resulted in Porter County being identified as orange and we are approaching red, as determined by the Indiana State Department of Health. Union Township School Corporation continues to monitor these numbers daily and emphasizes the safety precautions outlined above to our students and staff. We have decided that we will continue to offer a virtual option to our families through the second trimester. It is our hope that we will be able to continue the in-person option as well. To that end, it is prudent to remind our families about the importance of utilization of the safety practices at home. Please continue to assess the wellness of your child/children each morning and keep them home if they are experiencing symptoms or have been in contact with a positive case. Please continue to notify the school office as well.

You may be hearing of alternative strategies in our county schools. Some are or will be moving to a hybrid model while others are going all virtual for a period of two weeks or more. It is our desire to continue with our current plan of offering in-person and virtual options. We will continue to do this as long as the number of cases in our schools allows this to happen. You are a vital part of making this happen through daily health assessment and using the safety measures of hand sanitizing, mask wearing, disinfecting, and social distancing.

Sincerely,



John Hunter

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