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Dear PHS Families,

The staff and students of Port Huron Schools continue to do everything in our power to deal with the pandemic. Things are escalating quickly and unfortunately, due to the continued surge in cases and the number of quarantined staff/students, we have met our tipping point with being able to fully and safely staff buildings. We have to pause face-to-face and pivot to remote learning. At three buildings the need is immediate. Our district is working very closely with the St. Clair County Health Department and Homeland Security / Emergency Management. Although final decisions rest with us, the Health Department and Emergency Management fully support this move and realize the stress COVID-19 is forcing on businesses and our schools.

Today will be the last day for face-to-face instruction at the STEAM Academy at Woodrow Wilson, Keewahdin Elementary and Holland Woods Middle School. All remaining schools will transition to fully remote on Monday, November 16.

Our district will be making the following modifications to our learning plan:

- Since Wednesday, November 11, 2020 is the last day for face-to-face instruction at the STEAM Academy at Woodrow Wilson, Keewahdin Elementary and Holland Woods Middle School, these students will begin fully remote learning on Thursday, November 12.
- All remaining schools will move to fully remote learning on Monday, November 16, 2020.
- All families should plan for remote learning to last through the Thanksgiving break and possibly into the New Year. We will evaluate our circumstances and communicate any extension by November 20 and then again in December.
- Students already participating in the 100% virtual program will continue in their current manner.
- TEC will pivot to remote learning as of November 20 for all students but buses from both high schools will run regular hours for those students in certificate programs needing to attend in person.
- Learning Labs will be open at each building starting November 18. Please look for communication from your building principal about signing up for time for your student to work at the building with adult support.
- Parent University resources will continue to be updated on our website. If parents have specific questions related to Schoology, student Chromebooks or instructional resources, they should contact their students' teacher or building principal.

It is important to our team that we inform our families as soon as possible for your planning purposes. We have learned and grown since the school closures last March on how to move from "brick to click." Today and over the next few days, our teachers will be ensuring your student has everything he/she needs to be successful during this pause in face-to-face instruction at all Port Huron Schools.

Thank you for partnering with the school district to keep our students and staff safe while allowing teaching and learning to continue. The more our community mitigates this virus outside of our schools, the sooner we will be able to resume in-person instruction. We appreciate your continued support of our focus on safety during these unprecedented times.

Mr. Kerhoulas
Acting Superintendent