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Greetings Albert City-Truesdale Families,

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a major disruption in nearly every aspect of our lives. A major connection for all of us is our children and their education. We know that our students, parents, and community members are in need of the social interaction that school provides, whether it is through a concert, sporting event, or grandparent's day.

We recently met with some of our teaching staff on some of our ideas on returning to school in a safe and productive environment. We believe that Albert City-Truesdale is a great sized school to provide a safe learning environment. No plan fits all districts and we have tried to find a balance between normal for our kids while keeping them safe. I thank our teachers and staff for their input and desire to return to school where we can offer all of our kids what they need. I have a deep appreciation for the courage our staff has shown with their willingness to move forward.

No plan is perfect for every family situation and we respect and honor that as well. There are so many unknowns to this situation and we hope to offer that support in any decision that families choose. The Governor recently issued a proclamation that took the full-online option as a choice for school districts off the table. The proclamation stated that schools must provide face-to-face learning for at least 50% of the child's instruction. We are choosing to offer in-person learning 100% of the time.

Families will have the option to attend school remotely/online if they desire. We ask that you contact Mrs. Voyles to determine the best plan of support to meet the needs of each individual. We understand there are some who have been diagnosed with medically-supported health conditions that we need to plan for.

Albert City-Truesdale Schools did not take these decisions lightly. I think everyone would prefer to be operating under normal pre-Covid conditions and preparing for a regular start of the school year. But, as we know, these times are anything but normal. We have told our staff we will do the best we can all of the time. Will we be able to social distance all of the time? No, but we will limit that time as much as possible. Your students are always encouraged to wear a face covering of their choice. We will not mandate that at this time but allow everyone to make that choice.

We are encouraged by the level of support from our parents, students, and community that we will be able to open school safely and productively. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

You can view our RtL plan [HERE](#), please contact us with questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dicks
Superintendent

Sarah Voyles
Principal