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Dear parents and guardians,

As you know, the Board of Education approved a return date of **January 5, 2021 conditions permitting**. As you may know, this past week Wood County moved from 66th in the state to 30th of cases per 100,000. Our incidence rate is now at 745.3/100,000 while zip code 43402 is 614/100,000. Both numbers are concerning as we continue to navigate through this pandemic. Now more than ever we must all do our part to help slow the spread of this virus. We must continue to wear masks in public, limit being part of large gatherings, wash our hands frequently, and maintain 6 foot social distancing at all times. These simple measures can make a difference as we move toward having our students return to school.

As part of this communication, I have attached the decision matrix (as of Nov. 30) and the decision matrix thresholds that will be used in making decisions. Both documents were approved by the Board and are on our district website under the Covid-19 tab. Please check weekly for our numbers on the Matrix as those are updated each Monday at 4:00 p.m.

As you look at the matrix you will see that if Wood County is purple or red, we will continue remote learning. We must, as a county, move to orange for our students to return to any type of face to face education. We are hopeful that will be the case prior to January 5, 2021. However, if we maintain our red status, our return to school will be delayed until conditions allow us to do so.

Our Wood County Health Director, Ben Robison attended several of our Board meetings and helped answer questions, while explaining information relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. On several occasions he stated that once a county goes into red status, it is difficult to move back to orange. The condition that dictates leaving red and becoming orange is that the incidence rate per 100,000 must go below 100. As you can see this is the primary reason we are asking everyone to do their part to bring this number down. Wood County is currently more than 7 times that number. This is a great concern to all who want our students back in school.

On behalf of the Board and the Administration I extend our thanks to our teachers for their commitment to making the remote classroom a richer experience each day. You as parents need to be thanked as well for your support through what we all know is a difficult and frustrating time. It is my belief that together we can get through this but it will take each and every one of us to do our part.

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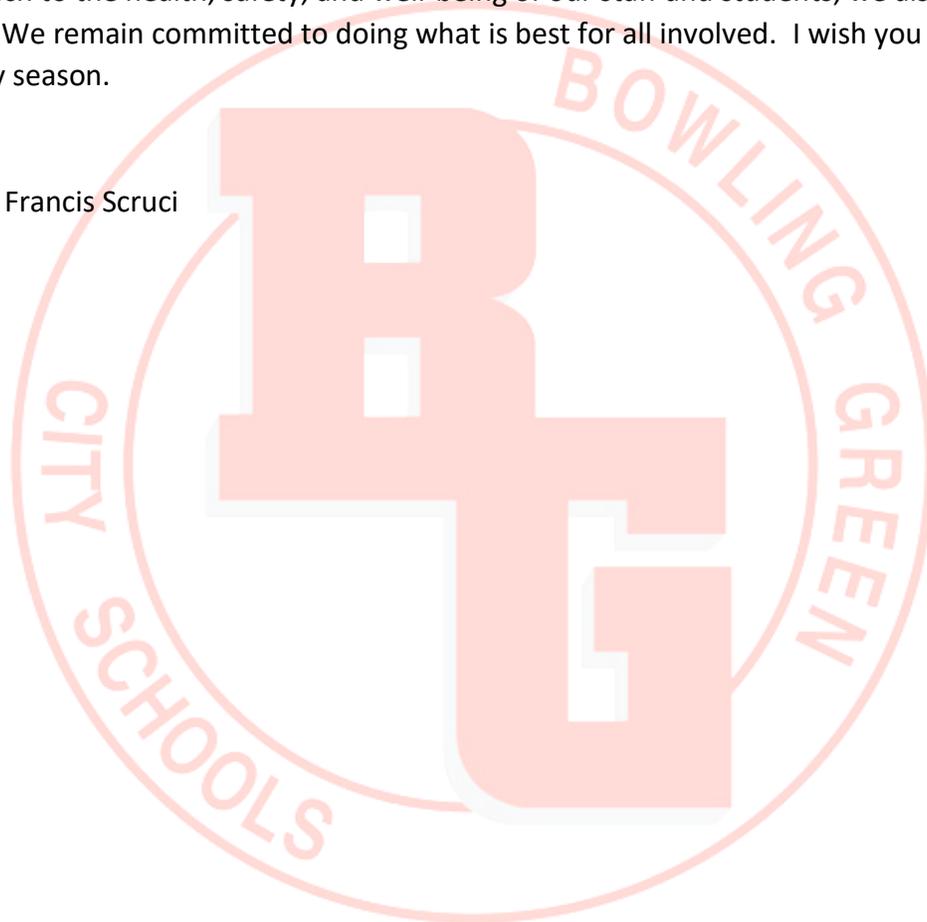
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Holiday break begins after school on Friday, December 18, 2020. I ask that you continue to check our District Website under the tab for weekly updates. In addition, please check your email throughout the holiday break as I will send updates to make you aware of our situation and potential return to school date.

Thanks again for your continued support. Trust that we know that while some of you are comfortable with our approach to the health, safety, and well-being of our staff and students, we also realize that others are not. We remain committed to doing what is best for all involved. I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

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