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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family faring well while we continue to live through a stressful pandemic and what is normally a very busy time of year. Every day that we come to work and school, we are thankful to still be able to open school for in-person learning while providing our remote learners with the best possible learning situation.

I am writing to let you know that we have seen a recent increase in requests for students to change from the hybrid learning model to fully remote learning due to the rising number of positive COVID-19 cases in the smaller and larger communities. Many of the requests are asking for various end dates. I would like to remind parents and guardians that the time frames we have designated for making the change from fully remote learning back to the hybrid model has been determined to be the end of each marking period. This affords us the opportunity to meet the numerous responsibilities that we have in order to guarantee our students have the best possible educational experience we can provide. Please note that requests (using Onondaga County Health Department guidelines) for short term remote learning based on positive cases within our school community will continue to be honored.

Teachers work very hard to plan lessons that take all of their learners into consideration whether in person or at home. When students are learning from home, teachers may need to prepare materials which then have to be organized for delivery and ultimately turned over to transportation. The transportation department is constantly updating morning and afternoon bus runs as students transition in and out of quarantine. Based on the number of remote learners on any given day, transportation also needs to coordinate delivery of those materials to homes. Food Service plans and prepares two meals a day based on the number of students in the building and the number of meals that need to be delivered to students' homes. The health and attendance offices are also doing daily updates of who is learning in person or remotely. These are all important aspects of the coordination we need in place for providing students with the quality education they deserve.

If you are considering a change to remote learning, please refer to the following information:

- Changes to remote learning will be in effect through the end of the second marking period, Friday, January 29, 2021.
- Changes must be submitted to me and can be done via email: <u>mmurphy@tullyschools.org</u>
- Requests to change to in-person learning must be submitted to me by the end of the second marking period and can also be done via email.

Once again, thank you so much for your assistance in everything you do to help keep our school open.

Sincerely,

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Mary Ann Murphy JSHS Principal