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Dear Rockbridge County Families,

As of Monday, November 23, 2020, the Virginia Department of Health has recommended that public schools strongly consider closing schools through the holidays. Rockbridge County Public Schools (RCPS) has agreed to follow this recommendation to ensure the safety of all learners, faculty, and staff. Although this is a painful decision to make, we believe that pivoting to 100% virtual is best for all stakeholders at this time.

Tuesday, November 24th, will remain as a scheduled Hybrid A day. Beginning Monday, November 30th, all PreK-12th grade learners will participate in a full virtual learning model five days a week. Our goal is to reinstitute in-person learning on Tuesday, January 19 2021. Once we return to school, PreK-1st grade will return to in-person instruction Monday-Thursday and 2nd-12th grade will return to a hybrid AA/BB model Monday-Thursday. The official return to school will continue to be evaluated as we receive information from the Virginia Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Virginia Department of Education.

We certainly understand that physically closing schools beginning Monday, November 30th, imposes many unintended consequences for our families. We apologize in advance for how this decision may infringe upon your family. Given the landscape of COVID cases that are being reported in the local area, we believe this is the best decision for everyone.

Thank you for supporting Rockbridge County Public Schools.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Phillip Thompson'. The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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