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Belmont County Superintendents

Dear Superintendents:

With the upcoming school year, it will be very important for us to keep in continuous communication about the health of the schools as well as its community. The state has established a Public Health Advisory System which will give a snapshot of COVID activity in the state and in each county. This is a useful tool but it does not drill down to the school district level in the county. I know each district is planning for fully in school, a hybrid model, and fully remote learning options, which option will depend on the COVID activity for each district.

The operational level for each district will be made in consultation between the Health Department and the superintendent of each district. Decisions will be based on COVID activity in the community, in the school buildings, in the state, and affected individuals. With the Health Department's ability to know how many positives are within a district we can help make the decision on if there is a need to change levels.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Belmont County Health Department at **740-695-1202**. For more information about the novel coronavirus, please visit www.cdc.gov and www.coronavirus.ohio.gov as helpful resources, or call **1-833-4ASK-ODH**.

Sincerely,

Robert Sproul

Deputy Health Commissioner