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Dear Early College Academy Family,

We know you have been anxiously awaiting information from us about how school will look in the fall. The Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health officials recommend that schools should not reopen under any model that provides in-person instruction. Therefore, Early College Academy will open the 2020-21 Academic Year September 8th under a 100% remote learning model and not a blended model.

Given this latest information and guidance from health officials, we must do our part as a school community to contribute to slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our region. We will continue working with health officials and support their efforts to achieve sustained improvement in the data they are monitoring. Our hope is that conditions will continue to improve accordingly so we can soon offer a blended learning environment and eventually return to a traditional school experience for students. We will be sure to give families early notice if and when these opportunities become possible. Right now, Franklin County is in Red - Level 3 (approaching Level 4), which indicates very high exposure and spread of COVID-19.

| INDICATES A COUNTY ALERT LEVEL | | | |
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| LEVEL 1 0-1 Indicators Triggered | LEVEL 2 2-3 Indicators Triggered | LEVEL 3 4-5 Indicators Triggered | LEVEL 4 6-7 Indicators Triggered |
| Public Emergency Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders. | Public Emergency Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders. | Public Emergency Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders. | Public Emergency Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders. |
| ECA Model: Traditional return for ALL students | ECA Model: Traditional return for ALL students | ECA Model: Hybrid or Remote Learning | ECA Model: Remote Learning for ALL students |

When it is possible to return, we have developed a plan based on recommendations provided by Governor DeWine and state representatives that we limit the number of students in our classrooms at one time, maintaining six feet of social distancing and that our students and staff wear masks while at school to help reduce the spread (more details will be forthcoming). Should the Franklin County alert level change to yellow or orange, we will reevaluate and possibly adapt our approach. We will continue to monitor information shared by the Governor and ODE and make adjustments as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Stevens
 Superintendent