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Cc: Mark Hoffman
Subject: My 2-cents: Updated BCHD Guidance
Attachments: August 22 2021 COVID Health Safety Plan Clarification.pdf

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Hi Diane/David,

Sadly, the attached recommendation sets Neshaminy back to conditions less flexible and conducive to quality education than last year.

Issues:

1. Good Classroom Instruction doesn't come at 3 feet apart, (See attached email to Neshaminy Parents on Sunday)
2. Quarantining Option may force Live-streaming again; reduced effective instruction in the classroom even more
3. Cafeterias and Buses are significant issues with the less than the 3 feet Close Contact Definition
4. There's no ModQ which got us through the end of the year - safely

Last year,

1. We opened schools against CDC/PA DoH recommendations for All Remote Learning in High Transition Area. PDE sent a letter, weekly, recommending I end in-person instruction.
2. We opened schools fully, 5 days a week, at 3 feet of distance against CDC/PA DoH recommendation of 6 feet
3. We used, 10 day Q, then 7 day Q with Negative Test then Mod Q against CDC recommendations at the time

In Sunday's PHL Inquirer, I read PA with have 100 contract tracer this year instead of 1000

We, Neshaminy, have far better resources than most schools in the Commonwealth and Nation. CDC recommendations are a "One-size Fits All" for the Nation.

I have the resources, the facilities, the leadership, the staff and the funds to do better and safety, as to many other District.

My Cabinet suggested yesterday afternoon after the Zoom, that we might not be ready to open on September 1 given the new guidance...

Just my 2-cents for the record

No reply necessary
Rob
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