



# PORT WASHINGTON-SAUKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello PWSSD Families!

Welcome to October and the sixth week of school! I want to thank everyone for your support and cooperation as the Covid virus increases throughout Wisconsin and Ozaukee County. I am sure you have heard about the frustration from Wisconsin health departments because of the challenges in parent cooperation. I want to let you know that during my telephone conference with our health department, Kirsten Johnson, Public Health Director, was extremely complimentary toward our parents and citizens in our school district for helping with contact tracing, quarantining, and testing. The end result has been helping keep our students safe during this increased virus activity. For example, we have no positive staff case, one positive student case, only 72 students and 9 staff members being quarantined as a result of close contacts outside of the school district. Please keep in mind this information changes daily. All of this is a result of everyone's cooperation and support as we work hard to protect the health and safety of our children.

Obviously, our goal is to safely increase the amount of in-person learning when this virus subsides in Ozaukee County. The Administrative Council consisting of all the principals, District Office Administrators, and the school nurse meet with me weekly. Our meetings begin with a review of the previous week's incidence level in Ozaukee County, specifically Port Washington and Saukville, along with our school data. As a result of another conference call with our health department, it was recommended that we "stay the course" with our hybrid model, because what we are doing is working to help keep our students safe compared to some other situations in Washington/ Ozaukee County.

I know that these are very hard times for everyone where patience and emotional stability are significantly challenged. I have had the pleasure of witnessing first-hand how our families are meeting these challenges and working so hard to make things work and be successful for their families. We are all in this together, and the more support and help we can give one another, the stronger we will all be, especially for our students.

Therefore, thank you for everything you are doing for your children, our school district, and our communities. I know there will be an eventual end to this pandemic, and in the meantime we are going to continue to help support our students' academic and emotional needs.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Weber".

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