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From: Dr. Thomas Seidenberger <seidth@centennialsd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Mark Hoffman
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Important PDE Update - Research on Reopening PA Schools

Thank you Mark

On Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 4:56 PM Mark Hoffman <000000233d422654-dmarc-request@lists.bucksiu.org> wrote:

PDE issued this today. The Mid Atlantic Research Lab wrote it at PDE's request. On a call today with the Executive Directors, the Secretary reinforced that this is informational guidance only to help inform local decisions and that it is not mandate language. PDE maintains the position of local control informing district plans of action.

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Subject: Important PDE Update - Research on Reopening PA Schools

Dear Colleagues,

On June 3, the Department of Education (PDE) issued Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Schools to summarize safe operations recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DoH), and to provide a starting point for school leaders to consider in preparations for the upcoming year.

Today, we build on this guidance with a comprehensive report prepared in partnership with the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Mid-Atlantic at Mathematica, one of the nation's foremost social policy research firms. This report summarizes existing research on COVID-19 and generates a Pennsylvania-specific body of research—both qualitative and quantitative—that can inform decision making around completion of