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Dear Tri-County Community:

We will be moving to Phase II of our Reopening Plan on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. During Phase II, we will provide each grade with four days of in-person vocational instruction during their shop week. During this phase all academic instruction will continue to be delivered remotely. We will continue to provide remote instruction in our academic and vocational programs on Wednesdays during Phase II.

In accordance with the updated guidance from the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) around Covid-19 Health Metrics, Districts are expected to prioritize in-person learning across all color-coded categories, unless there is suspected in-school transmission of the virus. To date there has been no in-school transmission of the virus at Tri-County. The guidance further elaborates that Districts and schools in communities designated gray, green or yellow are expected to have students learning fully in-person if feasible. Schools in red communities should implement hybrid models, while maximizing in-person learning time for high-needs students.

In order for students to work together in their vocational programs, we will allow social distancing of 3-6 feet. Our administration has worked diligently to plan this next Phase of our Reopening Plan. We will provide additional space and Plexiglas barriers for vocational programs, as needed, as well as face shields for all students to help ensure everyone's safety. We will continue to follow the DPH/DESE established Covid-19 health protocols. As we have mentioned before, it will be extremely important in the vocational shops for teachers to work with their assigned grades and avoid close contact with other shop teachers and students.

I realize these are very unpredictable times for the entire Tri-County Community. Our staff has worked extremely hard to provide meaningful instruction to all of our students whether in-person or remotely. We are extremely appreciative of their efforts. As I have said in emails to all of you in the past, we will continue to prioritize the safety and emotional well-being of our students and staff as we further educational opportunities for students.

Sincerely,

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