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Dear Ashley Bear Families,

As you are aware the COVID-19 numbers are on the rise throughout the State of Michigan and things are changing rapidly. Currently, we have one confirmed positive COVID-19 case. Based upon contract tracing, individuals are contracting COVID-19 in the community setting. Due to the growing COVID-19 numbers, Governor Whitmer held a press conference today. During this conference, she asked Michigan High Schools to voluntarily move to virtual learning for the next two weeks. Additionally, she requested youth sports to have a pause in play for two weeks as well.

At this point in time, the district has decided that **Ashley High School students will remain learning in person and continuing athletics**, as it is currently offered at this time. This decision was not made lightly. A variety of resources were used when making this decision; including a form of markers to consider that was provided by the Mid-Michigan District Health Department. This form was developed to assist schools in making such a decision. After reviewing the form and all other factors carefully, we came to the above decision. Our plan is to continue to monitor the situation as we move forward and will continue to make decisions based on the best interest of our students and school district.

As we continue to navigate these challenging times, we appreciate your support and understanding. Your continued patience and understanding is truly appreciated. Please know, Ashley Community Schools is working hard to provide a safe learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Traci Gavenda
Superintendent/ K-12 Principal