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Date: Friday, October 16, 2020  
Subject: York County Green Designation

Dear RSU 23 Community:

Today, the DOE and Maine CDC designated York County as **Green** which by definition means that York County has a relatively low risk of COVID-19 spread and that schools may consider in-person instruction, as long as they are able to implement the required health and safety measures. **As described in our approved RSU 23 Return-To-School plan we shared in August, we will continue with our 4-day per week in-person hybrid (yellow) instructional plan until we reassess our district's capacity in December.** Our remote Wednesday schedule in RSU 23 continues to provide an opportunity for our facilities staff to thoroughly clean our schools and also allows for our health services team to manage this challenging public health crisis. The DOE and Maine CDC will continue to provide bi-weekly assessments on Fridays and we will provide additional health and safety information as it becomes available.

**RSU 23 ATHLETICS, BAND & CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES:** York County's green designation provides RSU 23 an opportunity to reexamine our extracurricular (Band and Athletics) and co-curricular (Clubs and Activities) programs and an official update will be sent to the RSU 23 school community early next week. Over the next few days our school athletic and band directors will meet to design a plan that will expand after school opportunities for RSU 23 students. While this is exciting news, please be reminded that the Maine Department of Education Public Health Guidelines remain in full effect and adherence to all guidelines is mandatory. **If York County is redesignated Yellow or Red at any time we will return to our existing plan.**

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** We encourage all members of the RSU 23 school community to continue to do their part to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Continuing strict adherence to the social distancing and mask requirements is critically important as we work toward reopening our schools for in-person. Our RSU 23 Health Services Team is available by email or phone to assist you with any health-related questions. Please continue using the Maine [DOE Pre-Screening Tool](#) daily to monitor your health and, if answering yes to any of the 4 questions, please consult your physician/provider.

In closing, RSU 23 is here to work alongside you and as we navigate this public health concern. The health and safety of our students, staff, and community remains paramount in our decision making process. We recognize the challenges that lie ahead and our team will continue to plan for a range of public health outcomes and remain ready to support you wherever and whenever we can.

Sincerely,

John Suttie, RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools