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Dear Pleasant Valley School District Parents and Students,

As we begin to close out what may ultimately be the most challenging school year of our time and look forward to next year, I want to thank you for your support of our staff and administration as we had to transition from a traditional teaching and learning model to an online environment in a rather quick timeline. We know that learning is a social activity, which is anchored by the student-teacher relationship. When that in-person relationship ended in early March, our parents/guardians "stepped up to the plate" to help teachers continue connecting with students by using the living room as a classroom. As parents/guardians, you played a pivotal role in creating a routine for your children despite the stress, commotion and uncertainty. As our school district continues to partner with you and your children in their education, I sincerely thank you for taking this leadership role.

As we now begin to plan for next school year, many uncertainties regarding schooling and COVID-19 exist. As a result, the Pleasant Valley School District leadership team is planning for a variety of possible options. These options may include, but are not limited to:

1. Continued online learning for all students--this is the least likely option unless there is an increase in the community spread of COVID-19.
2. A hybrid schedule (face-to-face and online instruction) --this option is possible if the current trend in controlling the spread of COVID-19 continues.
3. All students return to the physical school buildings with safety guidelines implemented as directed by public health officials--this option is likely if the current trend in controlling the spread of COVID-19 continues through the summer.

Students with specific health risk issues and/or related concerns may choose to begin school enrolled in the Pleasant Valley Cyber Academy. We fully recognize the concerns and logistical issues of all options and we also recognize all the challenges the new school year may bring for parents and families.

As our leadership team begins to plan for the start of 2020-2021 school year, the focus of the planning has been and will continue to be the safety and welfare of our students and staff. Our decisions will be made in alignment with state and national guidelines, as well as working with our local health providers to determine the best course of action.

As the plan emerges with specific details, we will be certain to frequently and effectively communicate the updated information with all Pleasant Valley School District families. I wish you a safe and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee J. Lesisko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lee" and last name "Lesisko" clearly distinguishable.

Lee J. Lesisko, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools