



## ***Albert Einstein Academy of Ohio***

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Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear AEA Families,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We have worked through the opening of remote learning now for the past four weeks. I appreciate the efforts of everyone in the AEA community as we continue to navigate the pandemic

This has been the most trying situation for educators, students, and families in my 39 years in working in education. I am frequently asked what the indicator is to determine when students can return to school. I wish a single indicator existed. I have been in continuous contact with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for the past three months. CCBH has been supportive, responsive, and has provided sound recommendations to our district.

We have had zero positive cases of COVID-19 in the AEA faculty and staff. I am unaware of any positive cases within our student body currently during remote learning.

We will analyze the data over the few weeks and rely upon the guidance and expertise of our County Board of Health. If the data continues to hold in its current pattern, I anticipate a possible recommendation to the board of education to return students to school at the end of the first quarter. It has always been our intent to return the students to in-person learning as soon as we are able. If we can return to in-person learning, students currently enrolled in the AEA Virtual Academy will continue with that platform.

This is all subject to change as we move forward. Everyone's patience, kindness and cooperation has been greatly appreciated as we have worked through the many obstacles this situation has created.

*Sincerely,*

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