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## For Immediate Release – March 24, 2020

Luzerne and Wyoming Counties Students, Parents and Communities,

We want to thank you all for your patience, flexibility, and understanding during these uncertain times. We realize that you are anxious to get your children back to their typical routine and for everyone in our country to return to a sense of normalcy. We, as educators and school leaders, feel the same way. We especially want to encourage our Class of 2020 to remain positive and look to the future. COVID-19 should not take away from their accomplishments and future plans!

The Luzerne Intermediate Unit along with our member school districts: Crestwood, Dallas, Greater Nanticoke, Hanover Area, Hazleton Area, Lake-Lehman, Northwest Area, Pittston Area, Tunkhannock, Wilkes Barre Area, Wyoming Area, and Wyoming Valley West, as well as the West Side CTC and Wilkes Barre CTC, continue to work together as we receive guidance from our state and federal leaders. We have rapidly put food programs in place to support our communities and we are all working with the local food banks to help support our student's families. As always, our primary goal is the health, safety and welfare of all of your children and that has been the focus of last week as well as the beginning of our continuity of education plans.

This week, all districts are continuing their work on their Continuity of Education plans that you will begin to see rolled out in the coming days and weeks by individual school districts. As each of our school communities are unique, so will each individual district's continuity of education plan. We believe these plans to be the most appropriate and reasonable way to engage with our students at this time. Moreover, we willingly recognize that these plans may change as we receive further guidance on implementation from our state leadership.

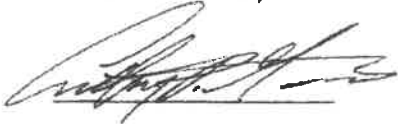
As with any good education plan, we will need your support at home, as we look at alternative ways of continuing your sons and/or daughters education in these unprecedented times. We are committed to doing the very best we can for each one of our students.

We look forward to the day when we can welcome all of our students and teachers back to our school buildings. And we know our students are anxious to get back to campus to continue their education as well as enjoy all the other positive aspects of coming to school like clubs, theater, sports, dances, lunch with friends and interactions with faculty, staff and administration.

Ensuring that we are a healthy community must remain our top priority until this threat has passed. Stay Healthy and please stay in contact with your child's school.

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Yours in Education,



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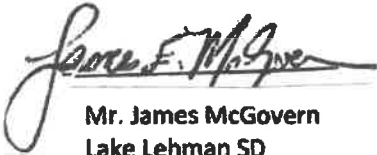
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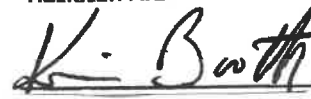
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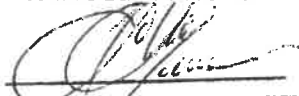
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