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We must empower our schools and energize with engagement and organizational stability woven in competency with health, safety, and welfare considerations for everyone. Our success will depend on respect for all, positivity, winning attitudes, trueness and actions with integrity.

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Countywide Statement Related to Guidance from PDE and Re-Entry Plan

According to the updated guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), these are preliminary guidelines that are designed to address the health and safety considerations that districts need to review, and specifically, assist in the development of a countywide Health and Safety Plan. PDE indicated that a template for the Health and Safety Plan will be available on their website later this week and that additional guidance regarding teaching and learning, student wellness, equity, and organized sports will be forthcoming later in the month.

Collectively, the 18 Berks County school districts, the two Career and Technology Centers, and the Berks County Intermediate Unit are committed to the development of a countywide roadmap for reentry. The goal is to make collaborative decisions and implement protocols consistently across Berks County schools. Reentry plans will be based on feedback from key stakeholders, as well as guidance from federal, state, and local governing agencies.

The focus is to reopen buildings and schools and bring back staff members and students in a healthy and safe manner that complies with the guidance from governing agencies. Superintendents and job-alike leaders will be discussing the procedures and protocols and meeting with administrative teams to finalize the reentry roadmap and health and safety plans. Once these have been drafted, information in the plans will be reviewed and finalized with staff members, board members, and the local community.

