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Mr. Eric D. Palmer, Executive Director

Mr. Michael Selvenis, M.Ed., Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November 25, 2020

The Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center will move to a **fully virtual learning format** effective Wednesday, December 2nd until further notice and be reevaluated by the Joint Operating Committee at its meeting on December 10th.

IMPORTANT: Tuesday, December 1st will be observed as an instructional planning and preparation day for instructors as we move to a fully virtual format. There will be no classes, virtual or in-person, on Tuesday, December 1st.

For students in our programs, the virtual plan will feel much like what students experience on a hybrid virtual day. However, students should pay close attention to announcements and expectations set by their program instructor as we move to a fully virtual format for teaching and learning.

Although the GACTC is moving to the virtual format for instruction, it is important that you continue to report positive COVID-19 cases among students so that we, in turn, can report all school-related cases to the PA Department of Health. Cases will be monitored to ensure a safe transition back to face-to-face instruction. Should your student contract COVID-19 or have close contact with someone who has COVID-19, please notify the GACTC as soon as possible by calling the health room at 814-505-1253 or Principal at 814-505-1282.

In the event you have any questions about the transition to a fully virtual format of instruction, please visit our website at www.gactc.edu and click on the Virtual Instruction FAQ Session. Two live virtual Question and Answer sessions have been scheduled for your convenience on Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to adjust to the ever-changing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide the best education we can for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Selvenis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael D. Selvenis

Principal