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Dear BVA Community,

As many of you have probably heard on the news that HB 2787 has passed at both the House and Senate level and is now on the desk of Governor Wolf. According to the media, Governor Wolf is going to veto the bill. This was somewhat unexpected news from what we heard last week. If Governor Wolf vetoes the bill, the Legislature may override the veto by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house. The bill then becomes law. The previous votes were with a 2/3 majority vote. The biggest issue now is time. My understanding is that the bill can sit on the Governor's desk for 9 days and then the time it takes for the other votes.

In the interim, the Belle Vernon Area School board has called a special voting meeting for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:00 to discuss recommendations and revisions to the Athletic Health and Safety Plan. The revisions will be in regard to allowing spectators at sporting events. The district understands the passion behind our community in supporting our students and we want to do this in a responsible manner to keep our students, staff and community safe. We will be putting out further clarification after the school board meeting to inform our school community of procedures for sporting events.

In the next few days, we have a JV football game and a soccer game at our stadium. We will allow each player to have 2 family members as spectators. Please note that all safety measures will be in place such as social distancing of 6 ft and the required wearing of a face covering. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we navigate this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell
Superintendent