

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

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Dear MSDSC Families,

I want to let everyone know that we had a teacher with a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the middle school today. Through the implementation of contact tracing, we were able to determine that 14 students were in direct contact with the teacher. Parents of these students have been instructed to quarantine their children at home for 10 days to watch for symptoms.

Direct contact is defined as being within six feet of a person with a confirmed case for more than fifteen minutes. We will continue to follow the Steuben County Health Department's recommendations on contact tracing and quarantine procedures. Social distancing has played a major role in our ability to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. The teacher in this situation did an outstanding job of limiting direct contact with the students and other staff members.

Your cooperation is valued as we move forward with in-person instruction in all of our schools. It is imperative that students and staff members stay home when they are sick or suspect that they may have symptoms of COVID-19. I want our principals to remain in a position where they are able to quickly identify affected individuals and rapidly implement quarantine procedures. The safety of all our students and staff members remains our top priority.

Thank you again for your support of our school district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent A. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent