

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

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Dear MSDSC Families & Staff Members,

I just want to keep you up to date on the most recent COVID-19 situations in our school district. We now have two more confirmed student cases at the high school and one confirmed student case at the middle school. Out of an abundance of caution, 27 high school students and 11 middle school students are under quarantine due to their contact with the affected students. We currently have 3 bus drivers who are unable to run their routes due to COVID-19 related issues along with a few other staff members who are quarantined due to the results of contact tracing.

I cannot thank our staff members enough for all that they are doing to keep our schools open for in-person instruction. They have been covering classes and filling in for each other to create the best possible learning environment for their students. This school year has been a challenge from day one and continues to push the limits of what we can do each day. Everyone has risen to the challenge and should be commended for their dedication to our school district.

Please be prepared to make the transition to virtual learning for your children if our quarantine numbers continue to increase. We may have to implement eLearning at an individual school building or the entire school district if confirmed cases continue to rise. An extended period of eLearning just makes sense in light of the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We simply cannot offer in-person instruction if we do not have enough staff members to cover all the necessary positions in our schools. I would never ask a single staff member to risk their health when I know that eLearning is a viable option.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we continue to transition through the school year. I cannot stress enough to our students, parents, and staff members the importance of staying home when they are sick or suspect that they may have symptoms of COVID-19. The safety of all our students and staff members remains my top priority.

Thank you again for your support through these trying times.

Sincerely,



Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent