

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

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Dear MSDSC Families,

I hope everyone is doing well in these challenging times. I just want to take this opportunity to give you an update on the COVID-19 situation in our school district since Thanksgiving break. While we have done our best to keep the spread of COVID-19 out of the schools, our staff members and students have been experiencing an increase in quarantined and isolation cases. When it seems like we are finally getting everyone back in school, we have another group affected by the virus. It has been an ongoing struggle to keep in-person instruction in place, especially the last few days.

Please be prepared to make the transition to virtual learning for your children. We may have to implement eLearning district-wide later this week if confirmed cases continue to rise. A few days of eLearning prior to Christmas break 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. Just like our students, our staff members have been instructed to stay home if they are not feeling well. I would never ask a single staff member to risk their health when I know that eLearning is a viable option.

I would also like to add that I have never been more proud to work with such an outstanding staff who always put the needs of their students above their own. They have been doing whatever it takes to create and support the best possible in-person 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.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we continue to work our way through the school year. I cannot stress enough to our students, parents, and staff members the importance continuing to take the necessary steps to protect yourself. Wearing face masks, frequent hand washing, and practicing social distancing are just a few things we can all do to keep safe. The safety of all our students and staff members remains my top priority.

Thank you again for your support of our school district.

Sincerely,



Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent