



Dr. Kathy Goad
Superintendent

January 14, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As expected, Greene County has seen a post-holiday surge in COVID cases. The positivity rate in the county is the highest it has been since the numbers have been released to the public. Our schools are not immune to the consequences of positive cases, isolation, and quarantine. We continue to follow the safety protocols in each of our buildings and have been able to mitigate the spread within. Since March 2020 2.4% of our students, 12.6% of our teachers/administration and 7.1% of our support staff have tested positive and recovered from their symptoms. We have also been committed to Governor Holcomb's plan that students should be in school when it is possible. However, we are now at a point that staff absences, due to quarantines, factor into our decision making.

Beginning on Monday, January 18th all students in grades 7 through 12 will move to remote instruction on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be a 7-12 eLearning Day. Students are expected to remote in for each of their classes in order to be counted for attendance and keep up with their learning. The eLearning Day will provide time for students to work on their assignments while teachers will have the opportunity to virtually meet individually with struggling students who need additional support.

This plan will provide additional substitutes to work in our Pre K-6th grade classrooms in order to keep our younger learners in school on their regular Monday through Friday schedule. Buses will continue to run their regular pick up/drop off schedule for our K-6th grade students.

Breakfast and lunch may be ordered and picked up for students in grades 7-12 at the high school main entrance by calling 812-847-6024 ext 4006. You may also order meals by emailing our Director of Food Service at jtaylor@lssc.k12.in.us. Meals should be ordered a day in advance or you may order for the entire two weeks.

Because the move to remote learning is due to staffing issues and not an outbreak of the virus within the schools, we will still offer athletic opportunities. Middle school and high school may continue with their scheduled practices, however students in middle school will not be required to attend if transportation is an issue. We are still following the RED admittance procedures for contests.

In order to work through the quarantines due to the holiday surge, we will remain on this schedule for one week. We will reevaluate our staff situation and ability to return next Friday and communicate that information to you. Teachers and building principals will provide any additional information to students as to their expectations for remote learning.

Our ultimate goal is to bring all students back to on campus learning soon. We are developing plans within the middle senior high school to make that possible once the holiday surge is past us. However, we still have a long way to go before the pandemic is behind us. We must all remain diligent in our efforts to stay healthy and mitigate the spread by washing our hands, staying home when sick and not associating with those who are isolated or quarantined.

Once again thank you for being adaptable along with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Good". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".