



Good Afternoon LPS Families,

As we head into the Thanksgiving break, we would like to provide you with an update regarding the pause for our in-person instruction as it relates to the November 20, 2020 formal advisory from the Wayne County Health Department, following our Board of Education meeting yesterday evening.

As you may know from our email yesterday afternoon, the Wayne County Health Department, this past Friday evening, released its public health advisory which makes a strong recommendation that all schools in Wayne County temporarily shift to a remote learning model through January 15, 2021.

Last night at our Board of Education meeting, we had the opportunity for extended dialogue on this advisory from the health department. Given the rise in cases in our area and the potential for community spread, as well as allowing for the 14-day incubation period following each of the upcoming holidays, it was determined that the district will heed the advisory from the Wayne County Health Department and extend the pause in our in-person instruction through January 15, 2021.

Livonia Public Schools, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, has relied upon the recommendations from the Wayne County Health Department and its epidemiologic experts when determining our mode of instruction. We have had numerous consultations with health officials and have made decisions based upon many factors, including the overall positive case counts for our immediate area, the region and county. Our district leadership has monitored the data for Livonia, the county and our region on a daily basis. The trend lines for our area are not decreasing, but rather they are steadily increasing by high margins.

However, we will continue to monitor the data on a daily basis and track the trends throughout the planned pause. If improvements are evident, the district will reevaluate the length of the pause. This is not an easy decision, as we know the impact on our students, staff and our families is great. Our sincere hope is that the pause will serve as a proactive measure to quell the rise and spread of the virus in our community.

To assist students and families during this extended pause, the district is developing a more structured delivery system for our already established social-emotional support

services, as well as academic support for students. An extended meal delivery program is also being developed. Please watch your email inbox for further details. A meal sign-up email will follow later this afternoon.

A few important notes:

- Special education program families will receive information regarding specific programming for your children/young adults. Please watch for updates on the plan for special education programs to come to you from your Student Services coordinator and/or principal following Thanksgiving break.
- Families who have requested a change in instructional mode, either into or out of Livonia Virtual, will be notified in mid-December and those transfers will be effective following the return to in-person instruction.
- During the extended pause, the district will adhere to recommendations by statewide organizations such as the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), FIRST Robotics, MSBOA and others, when determining planning for extra curricular activities.
- Our Social-Emotional Support hotline is still available and can be accessed at 734-744-2737 (734-744-2SES) or [ses@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:ses@livoniapublicschools.org)
- Please watch your email this afternoon regarding meal sign-up opportunities.

As you know, our district has been committed to providing in-person learning opportunities for our students who chose this option and we look forward to the time when our students return on site with us all.

We have much to be thankful for as we continue this journey through this very difficult time. Our staff, students and families have done a remarkable job throughout all of this, and we look forward to returning to some semblance of normalcy following this pause. In the meantime, we would like to wish all of our families and staff a restful, safe and peaceful Thanksgiving as we take measure of all that we have here in our amazing LPS community.

Wishing you well,  
Andrea Oquist