



Good Afternoon LPS Families,

As you may be aware, this past Friday evening the Wayne County Health Department issued an advisory to all school districts in Wayne County, strongly advising districts to temporarily shift to a remote learning model through January 15.

Livonia Public Schools is currently on a pause of Face-to-Face learning for all grade levels. We realize that the orders and advisories from state and county entities could pose some confusion and uncertainty, so we wanted to provide you with an update today, with a planned follow-up communication prior to the Thanksgiving break.

The advisory from the Wayne County Health Department has been discussed among the district's leadership team and discussion will continue this evening with the Board of Education during its 5:45 p.m. virtual Committee of the Whole meeting. As with all of our Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings, the meeting will be live streamed on Youtube and will be broadcast on cable television.

For background, according to the Wayne County advisory, the rationale for the "strong recommendation" to shift all grade levels to remote learning through January 15 include the following:

- The continued exponential growth of COVID-19 cases in Wayne County.
- Wayne County's positivity rate for November 20 was recorded at 15.5%.
- Continued community spread of the virus, especially among those under age 25.
- Epidemiological models that show the spread of the disease will continue to increase for several weeks, including following the holiday periods.

Separately, during its 7 p.m. Regular meeting, the Board is expected to vote to extend the district's Continuity of Learning Plan as approved initially by the Board in September. This is a monthly approval of LPS offering both in-person and virtual learning for the 2020-2021 school year and is a requirement of the State School Aid Act. Any pause in face-to-face learning is a separate decision from that of this monthly recommitment process.

We know that this consideration is one that is very impactful to the students we serve, our staff and our LPS families. We plan to provide an update tomorrow as we move forward, prior to the Thanksgiving break.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to provide for our students.

Sincere regards,

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