LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear L-S Family,

We have recently learned that a student or staff member at Martin Meylin Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. We are sending our best wishes to this member of our school community. The individual will not be in school until they have recovered. We currently have one active case attributed to Martin Meylin Middle School*.

We are NOT closing the middle school, but will continue to clean and disinfect the school following recommendations from the CDC. We have worked with the Department of Health to complete the appropriate case investigation, contact tracing, and notifying everyone who was in close contact with the individual. The individuals who were in close contact will be quarantined at home for the recommended period of time from their last exposure so that they can monitor their health and avoid spreading the illness to others.

While COVID-19 continues to spread in our community and across the country, please keep these important tips in mind:

- Practice physical (or social) distancing and stay at least 6 feet apart from people outside your household.
- Stay home when you are sick. If you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and contact your healthcare provider.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Wear a mask or face covering in public spaces, including at school.

Please note that individual health information, including the name of the person who is ill, is confidential to protect patient privacy.

For additional questions about COVID-19, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Health website at: <u>https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx</u> or the District's Coronavirus/Reopening Updates page at: <u>https://www.l-spioneers.org/Coronavirus-Updates/</u>

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Peart, Ed.D. Superintendent

*Related to the PA Department of Education's recent <u>Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following</u> <u>Identification of a Case(s) of COVID</u>, we will report the school's current active case number with each parent/staff communication. Active cases are currently reported within a rolling 14-day period.