



Date: November 18, 2020
To: Staff, School Board, All interested parties
From: Supt. Greg Schmidt
Subject: **No Change** in LqPV's Learning Model

After reviewing the number of active COVID-19 cases in the counties that comprise our district, digging deeper into where those cases are occurring, and analyzing what is taking place within our schools, **the decision has been made to remain in a Hybrid Learning Model for all K-12 students for the week of November 23-27, 2020. Under the Hybrid Learning Model, students in grades K-4 are able to attend school in-person Monday - Friday due to small class sizes, adequate space and the additional precautions we've put in place.**

Among students and staff, we have had seventeen (17) individuals in the Lac qui Parle Valley School District test positive for COVID-19 since August 23. That's an increase of six since last week's update. As has been reported in previous updates, many students and staff are being quarantined as a precautionary measure after coming into close contact with someone who has tested positive.

There are several important items that you need to be aware of for next week. The only new information is highlighted in **red** below.

- **Wednesday, November 25 is no longer a student contact day, it is a staff planning day.**
- Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 there is no school due to Thanksgiving.
- Grades 5-12 students whose last names start with the letters A-L will attend school on Monday, November 23.
- Grades 5-12 students whose last names start with the letters M-Z will attend school on Tuesday, November 24.
- All K-4 students can attend school on both Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24.
- **The Learning Model decision for the week of November 30-December 4 will be made and communicated on Wednesday, November 25.**

We believe that by emphasizing the precautions we have in place (sanitizing surfaces, social distancing, hand washing, staying home when not feeling well or experiencing symptoms, etc.), shoring up any gaps identified in our processes and procedures and the continuing cooperation we've had with staff and students wearing masks, the Lac qui Parle Valley Schools hope to continue to limit exposure for students, staff and their families.

For the benefit of our students, please continue to make good choices and stay safe!

If you have questions or concerns about the information in this memo, please feel free to contact Supt. Schmidt at gschmidt@lqpv.org

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