



Date: September 25, 2020
To: Staff, School Board, All interested parties
From: Supt. Greg Schmidt
Subject: COVID Numbers and Learning Model

Upon reviewing the number of active COVID-19 cases in the five counties that comprise our district, digging deeper into where those cases are occurring, and holding a virtual meeting with Countryside Public Health, the MN Department of Health (MDH) and the SWWC COVID-19 Regional Support Team – **the decision has been made to continue with In-Person Learning for all K-12 students for the week of September 28 – October 2, 2020.**

Active case counts in all five of the counties (Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Stevens and Swift) have come down since last week. Although there are increases in new cases in communities within those counties, there have been only four new cases in communities within the Lac qui Parle Valley School District, a key factor in our decision to continue in-person learning.

I'm pleased to be able to say again that there are currently no students or staff members in the Lac qui Parle school district who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past five weeks and there has been only one positive test overall. The statistics are updated weekly and as mentioned last week, we pay closest attention to the active case data in the zip codes of the communities that make up our school district.

We believe that with the precautions we have in place (sanitizing surfaces, social distancing, hand washing, staying home when not feeling well or experiencing symptoms, etc.) and the cooperation we have with staff and students wearing masks, the Lac qui Parle Valley Schools could continue in-person learning for the foreseeable future. However, as you probably realize, active case counts can change quickly – which could cause us to change our learning model quickly. Let's all pray that doesn't happen.

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

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