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RE: IPS to extend virtual learning model through November 30, 2020

Dear Ionia Public Schools Community:

Ionia Public Schools (IPS) will maintain a **fully virtual model** of instruction until Tuesday, December 1st. This decision is based on the number of IPS students and staff who are currently quarantined due to close contact exposure to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.

As of Monday, November 2, 2020, IPS had 118 students and 26 staff members quarantined due to close contact and 15 students and 4 staff that had tested positive for COVID-19. We will reassess the COVID-19 situation prior to the Thanksgiving Break and consult with the Ionia County Health Department before resuming face-to-face instruction on December 1, 2020.

Local, State and National Health officials continue to cite the rise in COVID-19 cases is largely due to a lack of safe practices. Proper social distancing and mask wearing in social settings and community gatherings are some simple things everyone can do to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

I recognize the important role schools serve in our community and know that IPS staff would prefer to have students engaged in face-to-face instruction. However, safety must remain our number one priority.

Please contact your building administrator or our *Tech Support Help Desk* help@ioniaschools.org if your student is experiencing any issues with devices or internet connectivity. You may also reach *Tech Support* by calling 616-522-9604.

Question regarding extra-curricular activities/athletic events should be directed to building administrators.

I appreciate your patience and understanding as we deal with this unprecedented situation. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ronald C. Wilson

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