



## EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 17, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members-at-Large,

I am writing to inform you that we are extending the shift to remote learning at the Secondary Campus through the Thanksgiving Day Holiday with the exception of some specialized learning classes and CTC learners. At this time, Secondary learners will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The extension of all remote learning is a result of two factors. First, several additional (four) learners at the secondary campus have identified as COVID-19 positive or as probables. More significantly however, is the number of adults in the school operation who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or who are quarantined. We simply do not have enough faculty and support staff members at this time to conduct in-person learning due to the shortage of substitutes. This extended break should slow down the potential spread of COVID-19 and allow our adults to recover either from a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or clear faculty and support staff members from quarantine.

There are currently six adults in the school system who have tested positive for COVID-19 with an additional number of probables and an additional number of adults quarantined due to contact with cases within the school system or outside the school system. Finally, the number of quarantined learners is still significant, but is down to its lowest number (86 learners) then it has been the last several weeks. The number of COVID-19 positive and probable cases for learners is also down to its lowest number in weeks with less than a dozen.

We will continue to monitor closely and communicate with you regularly.

On behalf of the School District Board of Directors, Teachers, Administrators, and Support members, we wish each of you and your families a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Hollister, Ed.D.

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### **Important Information about Distribution of Meals on Reverse**

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**NOTE:** The Garden Spot Secondary Campus, in collaboration with our Food Services Department, will distribute meals on Thursday (November 19th) behind the Secondary campus (HS/MS). Enter from Tower Road and look for the signs between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. You will receive four breakfasts and four lunches. We will need to know if you are going to need these meals. If you are interested, please sign-up using the link by 9am, November 18th: <https://forms.gle/ijcjcDuN3b7i47nJ6>