

March 8, 2021

District Families,

The District has learned of two positive cases of COVID-19 at South Mountain Elementary School. These two cases involve students that were both last in the building on Thursday, March 4. Per the Department of Health, cases that accrue while a school is already closed do not count toward the rolling 14-day window, and the closure does not need to be extended. As previously, planned **South Mountain will reopen Tuesday, March 9.**

The District has taken action in accordance with the guidelines of the PA Department of Health (DOH) and the protocols established in the district's Health and Safety Plan, including consultation with the DOH, contact tracing, quarantining individuals that were in close contact, and appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of affected areas.

We will continue to closely monitor this situation and will provide additional information as needed. As always, we sincerely appreciate your continued support and understanding.

In education,

Steve Kirkpatrick  
Superintendent of Schools