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Dear Families and Community,

For months, the School District of La Farge has been monitoring health data within our school, our community, and our county. We are grateful that we have been able to provide in-person/hybrid instruction to our students through the fall.

In recent weeks, the continued rise of cases locally has impacted the district in several ways. The identification of many close contacts of positive cases within La Farge Schools has resulted in significant student disruption as well as difficulty staffing our classrooms and programs. These impacts, along with the rapid rise of cases in our county has led us over the past few weeks to anticipate that a change in instructional model may need to occur.

We have reached a critical point and are announcing a temporary shift beginning November 30.

La Farge Schools will be transitioning to a fully virtual/remote learning model for at least two weeks starting November 30, with an intent to return to our “yellow” learning model (4K - 5 face to face/6-12 hybrid) on Monday, December 14.

Our current instructional model will continue through Tuesday, November 24, after which Thanksgiving break begins. (Students who are planning to be absent from school/virtual classrooms due to hunting next Monday and/or Tuesday should contact the office).

We wanted to provide as much notice as possible to families. Families can expect to receive more details from their school principal, Mr. Hansen or Mr. Camlek in the coming days. Some general information regarding the virtual period is listed below:

- Devices will be provided to all students in grades 4K-12. If you have concerns about internet access, please contact Mr. Slack at 625-0125 or slackt@lafarge.k12.wi.us.
- Special Education services will continue in-person based on individual needs starting 11/30. Case managers will be reaching out to families with more information.
- There may be other programs that offer limited in-person instruction/services here at school as well. Individual staff members will be in communication with those students/families as appropriate.
- Meal deliveries throughout the virtual learning period will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you are interested in receiving free meals please [click this link](#) to sign up.
- At this time, athletic activities will continue.
- ****Please continue to contact the school office during the virtual learning period with information regarding COVID-19 symptoms, testing, or identification of close contacts within your households. The District needs up to date information in order to help mitigate the risk for our students and staff, and to make decisions regarding instructional models. The Vernon County Health Department is approaching capacity for contact tracing so we are relying on our families to report any pending tests, positive cases, or exposures. All information is kept strictly confidential.**

The district is taking this action to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, families and community. A return to in person instruction will be dependent on our ability to safely staff our classrooms and programs, the status of COVID-19 in our community, and any guidance we receive from the State or County Health Departments.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our community safe! Please continue to practice handwashing, social distancing, and using masks. We look forward to having our students back in the building again soon. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Meaghan Gustafson
District Administrator