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Dear Lowville Families:

As our county schools work in partnership with the Lewis County Public Health Department, the Lewis County Health Systems, and our county management, we have made the decision to continue to monitor weekly infection rates and to remain open for in-person learning for as long as safely possible.

Our district has only experienced 6 total positive COVID results and none of those transmissions happened in our buildings. At LACS, we remain dedicated to executing preventative measures and social responsibility. We, too, are concerned about the potential spread of the virus and its overall impact on the health and wellness of our larger community. However, having students at school instead of at home has not yet been proven to have a negative impact on the community. Also, we are not convinced that having students home will improve the levels of responsibility in our community.

Another reason the decision to close the Lowville Academy and Central School District for an extended period of time has been suspended is because we understand that closing our doors will impact families and that those same families depend on the consistency and predictability that our school offers. We would like to maximize as many in-person days as we can without overwhelming our systems. With that said, it is incredibly important that each individual family has a plan in place in the event that holiday statistics become worse and we need to move to remote learning.

As a district, we will continue to work with our county and regional health agencies as well as state education officials. We will update you with information as it becomes available. Most importantly, we are here to support the families of Lowville Academy and Central School. Your health, safety and education are our first priority. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate this unprecedented situation.

Very truly yours,



Rebecca Dunckel-King
Superintendent of Schools