South Lewis Central School District

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

South Lewis Central School District has been notified by Lewis County Public Health that a student enrolled in the high school has tested positive for COVID-19. This student has not been in attendance or on campus since Thursday, November 19, 2020. Additionally, this student only recently became symptomatic. Therefore, this positive case has no immediate impact on our school district students, staff or operations.

Lewis County Public Health, as they do with all positive cases, is in the process of performing all necessary aspects of contact tracing and will notify any individual or household that may have been exposed. The contact tracing process slows the spread of COVID-19 and helps to protect you, your family, and our community. If you are contacted by Lewis County Public Health due to contact with this case or any other, please follow their recommendations.

Our School Re-Opening Plan was developed to address potential positive cases. The District continues to follow our policies, procedures and protocols to ensure the health and safety of all. We also continue to work closely and collaboratively with Lewis County Public Health, county officials, and the health system for the benefit of the entire school and local community.

As much as the District is working to be completely transparent in this matter, we are also required to protect the privacy rights of our students. The District is not permitted to release any additional information. Thank you for your understanding.

Please continue to be vigilant in practicing and encouraging good hand-washing and hygiene, wear face coverings, and practice social distancing. These actions are the foundation of keeping yourself and others safe and healthy. Safeguarding the health and safety of our schools and community starts with everyone and is only as strong as our weakest link.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation as we work to help protect our students, staff, and entire school and local community. Be well and be safe.

Sincerely,

Mr. Douglas Premo

Superintendent of Schools