South Lewis Central School District

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

South Lewis Central School has been notified by Lewis County Public Health of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case within the South Lewis Central School District. The confirmed case is again connected to the Port Leyden Elementary cohort A who attends on days 1-3-5. However, it is not connected to the positive case reported yesterday. This new positive individual was last in the building and on-campus Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Out of an abundance of caution, Port Leyden will again transition to remote learning for Monday, December 7th. Port Leyden will be fully remote on Monday even though it is a Cohort B or 2-4-6 day. Going to remote learning for Monday at Port Leyden will allow for us to properly conduct contact tracing and review our ability to properly staff the building for any return to in-person instruction. Remote learning schedules have previously been provided via hard copies given to students, mailings sent home and/or are in each teacher's communication platform such as Google Classroom and/or Class Dojo that students/parents have access to.

At this time this positive case has no other operational impact on other buildings or district operations. The District will communicate on Monday regarding the ability of the Port Leyden cohorts A and/or B to return to in-person instruction after Monday or the need to continue with remote instruction.

District officials are working with Public Health and reviewing the close and proximate contacts for the purpose of the contact tracing process. Any individuals at-risk for exposure will be contacted by Public Health and will likely be quarantined. If you are contacted by Public Health, please follow any guidelines and directions provided.

We hope you understand that due to privacy laws, we cannot provide any additional information about the individual who tested positive or about those that may have been exposed. We appreciate your patience and flexibility while we work to protect the health, welfare and safety of our students and staff while complying with any government orders and guidance.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the building directly, or the District office. Be well and be safe.

Douglas Premo

Superintendent of Schools