

# LOWVILLE ACADEMY and CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Lowville Academy Families,

Navigating the current pandemic has become more difficult as we see the number of faculty and staff become quarantined or, worse yet, isolated because of a positive COVID-19 result. Through analyzing the current need in the elementary, it has become obvious that with the lack of substitutes, we cannot continue to operate a high-quality in-person instructional program.

The District has worked collaboratively with Lewis County Public Health throughout all of our contact tracing and quarantining since the onset of the pandemic. The contact tracing process identifies anyone who comes into close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Because so many of our faculty, staff, and students are either under quarantine as a precaution or in isolation because they are positive with COVID-19, we are unable to offer in-person learning. Our District has a strong remote program and I am confident that your child will not lose ground instructionally during this closure.

Because the spread of COVID-19 has begun to work its way into our district and impact primarily our elementary families, **LACS ELEMENTARY will move to 100% virtual instruction beginning on Monday, December 14, 2020.** Our plan is to return to in-person instruction on Monday, December 21, 2020. It is incredibly important for everyone to help stop the spread of this virus. Please wear a mask, keep distant from others, and practice good hand-hygiene. Our actions during this move to virtual learning will determine the opportunities our students have in the weeks and months ahead.

District continues to follow the policies and procedures/protocols to ensure the health and safety of the students and employees, and will continue to work closely with the Lewis County Department of Health. Social distancing protocols and disinfecting measures continue to be in place.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding. We will continue to work together to ensure the safety of our students and staff as we move forward.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Dunckel-King  
Superintendent of Schools