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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caretakers:

This letter is to update you on a change in schedule as a proactive measure in the face of potential side effects on our faculty and staff, caused by the second Moderna vaccine dose. As many of you are aware, school personnel are part of Phase 1B of the New York State COVID-19 vaccination program. Throughout the last 4 weeks, many of our faculty and staff at LACS have been getting vaccinated against COVID-19 with the support and organization of Lewis County Public Health.

Approximately 125 faculty and staff at LACS have received their first dose of the Moderna vaccination. Those who have been vaccinated are ready for their second dose starting next week. 60 of these people, the largest single day number by far, will have their second dose on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021. While all people are different, there are widespread reports of side effects from the vaccine that range in severity from mild symptoms that last a few hours to illnesses that can last a day or two.

The district is taking necessary precautions to avoid a potential substitute shortage on February 10th, 2021. As a result, we have made the decision to **move all classes to virtual learning on Wednesday, February 10, 2021**. Special Education Classes will run on schedule. Since this is a Wednesday, the greatest impact from this change will be for our elementary students. With a proactive spirit, the district also has made this decision so that our families and students can better plan for that day. We could face very few illnesses in the building, but it is better to plan for the worst and hope for the best in instances such as this.

Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding as we plan and prepare for, what we hope, is a mild impact of vaccination side effects.

Please feel free to contact the district with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rebecca Dunckel-King'.

Rebecca Dunckel-King
Superintendent of Schools