

# *South Lewis Central School District*

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

Over the past few weeks the District has fully reviewed the newly released guidance, collaborated with local and regional partners, begun to identify logistical challenges and hurdles, and solicited feedback from our parents/guardians and faculty/staff regarding a return to everyday in-person instruction at the Glenfield and Port Leyden Elementary Schools.

It was the feedback from our stakeholders that proved most helpful and valuable. **Specifically, it was important to learn that a majority of both our parents/guardians and faculty/staff did not support a return to everyday in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year.** While the feedback clearly pointed to the shared goal and understanding regarding the importance of all students returning to everyday in-person instruction, the conditions and timing of making this change this late year in the year were significant factors most often noted. The feedback indicated that the limited number of additional in-person instructional days that would be gained, did not outweigh the concerns of wearing a mask throughout the entirety of a day, transportation challenges, the restructuring of school and family schedules and disrupting the overall routine and rhythm that has been established since September.

**It is for these reasons that the school district has decided to not make any instructional change for the remainder of the current school year.**

However, we remain hopeful that next year will allow for a different start and experience for all. It is our goal to work and advocate for changes that open the door for everyday in-person instruction for all of our students at all levels.

The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and school community remain a priority. We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we continue to navigate education during this COVID-19 pandemic and health emergency. Be well and stay safe.

Sincerely,



Douglas Premo  
Superintendent of Schools