September 16, 2021

Dear Faculty, Staff and Parents of Luray Elementary School,

Luray Elementary School has experienced a significant number of positive COVID-19 cases amongst both students and staff over the past week. There are currently many students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms who have been quarantined or isolated due to exposure.

Given this information and in conjunction with the Lord Fairfax Health Department, Page County Public Schools (PCPS) has made the difficult decision to close Luray Elementary School (LES) through Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Students will return to in-person instruction on Thursday, September 23, 2021. PCPS will continue to evaluate the status of both our students and staff, and if additional action steps need to be taken, to include extending the closure, PCPS will communicate this in a timely manner.

Closing the school will allow us to decrease the spread and potential exposure for students, staff, and families, provide us with time to implement deep cleaning across all school spaces, and allow staff time to recover to be available to support student learning.

Tomorrow, September 17, 2021, LES students can pick up any needed learning materials (Chromebooks, textbooks, paper packets, etc.) at Luray Elementary School between the hours of 12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m. Students in grades PreK-2nd will be provided packets and Class Dojo videos to support instruction. Students in grades 3rd-5th will be provided with daily live instruction and use Schoology to access other learning materials. These live sessions will be recorded and uploaded to Schoology to be viewed at a later time for students who do not have Internet access. If your student has previously received learning materials for this closure, then no further action is needed and you do not need to visit the school on Friday, September 17, 2021.

PCPS will be providing meals to families that would like them during the closure. More information will be provided to all families in a separate email.

Over the next few days, we encourage everyone to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms do arise, it is recommended that you isolate and consult with your local health care provider for additional guidance.

As a division, PCPS understands the incredible challenges a school closure creates for families. This decision has been made with safety first and with a great deal of thought and care for everyone in the Luray Community. PCPS will continue to communicate with faculty, staff and families over the next few days to provide additional information and updates.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the ongoing challenges of COVID-19.

Wishing you and your family healthy days ahead.

Sincerely,
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