

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Henry Houck Elementary School Students:

We were just made aware that one individual has tested positive for the Coronavirus. We conducted an internal investigation and consulted the medical experts at Well-Span GSH Hospital. As per CDC guidelines, parents of students who would be considered a close contact were told to quarantine for fourteen days.

The PA Department of Health (DOH) and PA Department of Education (PDE) guidelines for building closure recommend that a school with two to four positive cases closes for a period of 5 to 7 days. Since this is an isolated, individual case, at this time, we **will NOT be closing Henry Houck School.**

However due to the number of staff impacted by this, our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team will be transitioning to the Red Phase: **Only the third grade at Henry Houck Elementary** will remain closed for in-person instruction. All instruction will be provided remotely, using digital platforms until **November 9, 2020**. Provisions for student services such as school meal programs will continue.

Here at Lebanon School District, we will continue to do everything possible to keep our students, faculty and staff as safe as possible. We cannot monitor or control the actions outside of our buildings. We need your help as parents, students, community members, friends and colleagues, to make sure we are doing everything in our power outside-of-school to stay safe, so we can enjoy all that in-person school provides. We are all in this together!

Sincerely,

Mr. Pedro A. Cruz