



January 25, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Harding Elementary Students:

The PA Department of Health (DOH) and PA Department of Education (PDE) guidelines for building closure recommend that a medium sized school with four or more positive cases closes for a period of five days.

We conducted an internal investigation and consulted the medical experts at WellSpan GSH Hospital and our recommendation is to transition to virtual learning for all students at Harding Elementary School, beginning on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. There is no school for students on Wednesday, January 27th. Students and staff will continue to work in our online environment Thursday, January 28th and Friday, January 29th. Attendance for all students is mandatory on Tuesday, January 26th, Thursday, January 28th and Friday, January 29th. Students can return to school on Monday, February 1, 2021, for in-person hybrid learning.

Please do not become complacent in your diligence toward this virus as we must continue to follow the basic mitigation guidelines:

- Wash your hands frequently;
- Wear a mask or face covering;
- Maintain social distancing;
- Avoid large gatherings, especially those where participants are not social distancing or wearing face coverings;
- Conduct screenings of your children at home each day; and
- If your child is sick, keep him or her home.

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!

Very truly yours,

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