

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

November 20, 2020

Good afternoon Litchfield.

I am writing today to announce that we are shifting all three schools (CHS, LMS and GMS) to whole school remote learning after Thanksgiving break (starting Monday, November 30th). All schools will remain in remote instruction mode for 2 weeks with an anticipated reopening date of Monday, December 14th.

This decision has been very difficult. We firmly believe that we have done a good job preventing school-based transmission in Litchfield. We also value the importance of in-person instruction and are proud of our ability to dig deep and deliver throughout the fall. However, we currently are unable to safely clean our buildings, staff our classes and ensure the health and welfare of our employees and students. After thorough discussion and review of the entire situation, the decision was made based on the escalating number of positive COVID-19 cases in our schools and our community.

I want to thank everyone for staying strong and supporting our efforts to deliver in person instruction. I urge everyone in our community to heed the current advice for the holidays: Celebrate only with those living in your household, wear masks at all times in public spaces, and maintain physical distance from others. With the cases increasing in our area and particularly in our schools, we hope this closure is temporary and helpful. Please be alert for additional messaging from our School Principals on how we will implement remote instruction after Thanksgiving.

Be Well & Stay Strong,

Mike Jette, Superintendent of Schools