

# Laurel Highlands School District

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Date: 4/1/2020

## Public Notice: LHSD Employees Test Positive COVID - 19

On March 28, 2020 District officials confirmed that a District employee had presumptively tested positive for COVID 19 on March 27, 2020; likewise, on 4/1/20 an additional employee tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, the employees, who are assigned to Hutchinson Elementary School, are experiencing flu-like symptoms that have resulted in fatigue and hospitalized bed rest for one and home quarantine for the other. The employees and their families were directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human & Health Services to self-quarantine for 14 days. Additionally, the employees have not been to any LHSD buildings nor have the employees participated in any LHSD initiatives since the “onset” date of March 20, 2020. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Human Services, the risk level for further infection is low due to current mitigated timelines. Out of respect for the employee’s privacy and in keeping with confidentiality regulations, LHSD will not be releasing the employee's name or further identifiable information.

Superintendent Dr. Jesse T. Wallace, III stated: “Our thoughts and prayers go out to our employees and family. We sincerely hope for a full recovery and return normalcy. We take great pride in our employees and their dedication to the betterment of our students. Therefore, when one is ill and/or experiencing “change of life” issues we do our best to rally around and support our school family as best we can. Our employees show love and compassion for our students every day, we wish the employee and family well during this difficult time, No Mustang Runs Alone! While we expect a full recovery, we will continue to monitor these employees and all of our employees prior to any continuation of face to face education.”

The district has instituted all government-directed mitigation strategies including social distancing of on-site employees, work-from-home capabilities for others, the disinfection of LHSD buildings, and the devitalization of all spaces through dormancy. We encourage our community to stay safe by following publicized directives, washing hands for at least 20 seconds, staying home when ill, contact appropriate officials if symptoms present, and show compassion and empathy for each of us as we learn together how to exist in this new reality.

Sincerely,

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