



# *Lewiston-Porter Central School District*

*Aiming Higher*

Dear LP Community:

Happy Friday and what a beautiful Friday it is! We had a bit of a tough week with two positive Covid cases developing; one at the Middle School and one at the High School. We are working very closely with the Niagara County Health Department whenever these cases develop and I must give a shout out to the NCDoh. They have been a great partner and jump right on the contact tracing once we have notification of a case. I'd also like to thank Dr. Patricia Grupka - Assistant Superintendent for Admin Services, Mr. Andy Auer - MS Principal, Mr. Brad Rowles- HS Principal and the teachers, staff and families impacted by these cases. There is a strong collaborative approach to these issues and it has helped to quickly isolate the cases and keep us up and running in the Hybrid model.

As you may have read in the [Buffalo News](#) this morning, cases are developing across Western New York and the infection positivity rate continues to rise. We are concerned that the Governor and/or the NYSDoh could declare our county or region a Red or Orange zone. If that were the case it would force us to move all Hybrid students to a full Virtual learning model. I have stated up to this point that basically we would run our virtual Monday schedule in a full shutdown but there is more to the transition than that. We are currently working with our Building Admin and Teacher - Peer Coordinators (Department Chairs) on a more fully developed Virtual teaching model for Hybrid students. We will be rolling this out to parents and families in the next two weeks. It is important to note that students currently working in the 100% fully virtual model would remain in that model until we could assess the depth and breadth of the shutdown. More details will be forthcoming.

Next Friday, **11/13** marks the end of the first marking period for students in grades 6-12. Report Cards will be forthcoming for all students (Hybrid/ 100% Full Virtual) at both the Middle and High School. Please look for details and communication from those buildings on the roll out of the first marking period report cards.

Please watch for the fall edition of the LINK , our district newsletter. It will be out in the next few weeks. This edition will be devoted to unveiling our new Strategic Plan 2020-2025. It's hard to think about moving new and innovative ideas forward in the middle of this madness but we have to recognize that this pandemic will eventually be over and we need to be poised to continue our record of academic excellence at Lewiston-Porter. I look forward to those days.

Enjoy the weekend.

Paul Casseri

Superintendent of Schools