

# South Lyon Community Schools

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March 16, 2020

Dear South Lyon Community Schools Families,

The District learned today that a student at Salem Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The family is currently in self-quarantine and will not be back on school grounds until either the quarantine period has expired, or the school reopens, whichever is later. Due to health privacy laws, information regarding the student's identity will not be released. Please respect the student and his/her family's privacy during this difficult time.

The exposure risk to the general staff and student population is low. Health officials are interviewing, reaching out, and providing assistance directly to individuals with an elevated risk of exposure who may have been in recent close contact with the student's family. All families directly impacted by this news have been contacted.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend contacting your doctor if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 *and* develop a fever and other symptoms, such as coughing or difficulty breathing. More information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>. In addition, I urge our residents to take the call for social distancing seriously by avoiding crowds, staying at home if you are ill and maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other people, as reasonably possible.

All schools in the District are closed until April 13, 2020. Please be rest assured that our primary focus is on students, staff, and community safety. This situation continues to be fluid and, as things change, we will provide additional updates.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George C. Heitsch". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. George Heitsch, Interim Superintendent

## *Mission Statement*

In support of our community, the mission of South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process, so that all students can excel as individuals, and become productive and contributing members of society.