



STATEMENT FROM GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

From General McLane School District Superintendent Richard Scaletta

October 29, 2020

“We have a student at Edinboro Elementary who has a probable case of COVID-19. Remember that a probable case is someone who is a close contact of a confirmed positive case and has shown some symptoms. To be cautious, we treat probables as positives. Contact tracing shows that the virus came to the student through an adult outside of the school setting.

Contact tracing at the school again shows NO close contacts in the school building. There are six close contacts from the bus.

Our low number of close contacts is evidence that our half-day system is working. As I have stated many times, if there is virus in the community, there will be virus in the school. Please be aware that the presence of the virus in the Edinboro, McKean and Waterford Zip Codes has increased significantly.

For sometime we had 0 or just a handful of cases in our zip codes, Currently, there are 14 active cases in McKean and 11 in Edinboro. What this means is, a risky activity you got away with last month, will not likely work this month. We have to understand when the incidence of virus is higher in the community, it is more likely that failure to mask and keep distant will result in transmission. Again, the spread is occurring with adults, not students.

To keep our children safe and in school, please take all possible precautions. Cancel any indoor gatherings over 10 people. I know this is Halloween weekend and there may be gatherings planned. Wear masks and keep apart. If you go somewhere and people are crowded inside and or not wearing masks - leave that place.

Right now, schools are safe places to be as we are not seeing any spread among students. For that to continue, we all must do our part in the community to keep it that way. I shared some more specific data on national and local trends today on Facebook live and that will be available to view on our website later today.”

All parents and families in the District received this communication via phone call home on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 12:20 p.m.

For questions or more information, please contact Sarah Grabski, Director of Communications and Administrative Services at sarahgrabski@generalmclane.org or 814-273-1033 ext 5901.