



**STATEMENT FROM GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

From General McLane School District Superintendent Richard Scaletta

October 16, 2020

“We have learned that the photographer who took school pictures at Edinboro Elementary on Friday, October 9 has tested positive for COVID-19. We have worked closely with the Erie County Health Department, which has determined that there was no exposure to students or staff. No contact tracing or quarantines are necessary. The photographer was masked the entire time. No one was within 6 feet of the photographer and the amount of time anyone was engaged in the photo process was less than 5 minutes — well below the required 15 for transmission of the virus. Additionally, the photo session was held in the gym, which is a large space and is not being used regularly this year. The area where the photos were taken is being given a deep clean.

My purpose for this notification is simply for transparency and keeping you informed. There is no need for anyone to do anything differently — no risk or close contacts are involved. The Health Department did not require this communication, but I felt people would want to know, even though no action is required.”

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All parents and families of students from Edinboro Elementary received this communication via phone call home on Friday, October 16, 2020, around 4 p.m.

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