



**STATEMENT FROM GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

From General McLane School District Superintendent Richard Scaletta

November 9, 2020

“In order to make school as safe as possible, General McLane School District chose to employ a half-day, hybrid instructional model for all students in grades K-12. GM is the only area district which has employed that model. It was chosen because it was believed the model would keep contact tracing to a minimum which would, therefore, limit the number of close contacts to be quarantined. That, in turn, would minimize spread of the virus at school.

To date, the model has been successful minimizing the number of close contacts and preventing any spread to the virus. To date, we have had 55 students quarantined, with only 15 of those as a result of close contact on a bus. No quarantines have been a result of in-school contact but of contact with persons at home.

To implement this model, parents have had to make sacrifices in the area of child care and many have voluntarily chosen to drive their children to school. Moving to a full online model, even temporarily, would create the need for additional sacrifice.

The General McLane School District does not intend to move fully online unless the number of cases in the schools increase to a point to which we are unable to determine origin of infection and are unable to assure that all close contacts are known and quarantined. Playing into a decision to move to fully online, would also be the ability to staff in-person learning and transportation at acceptable levels.

The half day in-person/half day online instructional model is providing students with consistency and routine which are contributing to positive learning outcomes. While it does not provide the full breadth of the normal school day offering, it is allowing us to keep student learning on course.”