



CALL HOME FROM GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

From General McLane School District Superintendent Richard Scaletta

December 16, 2020

“First, we have a green light for McKean Elementary to return to in-person learning on Thursday, December 17. McKean will be back in session tomorrow.

Secondly, we have decided to be 100% online this coming Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22. These are the final school days prior to holiday break. There are several reasons for this change, and I will share just a few:

1. We have not seen a decrease in the number of cases and there is a substantial number of persons in quarantine.
2. We don't want to be calling people on December 24 and 25 and saying, “Merry Christmas, you're in quarantine” based on a contact 2 days prior.

So, this Friday will be our last day of in-person learning and Monday and Tuesday will be online.

Now, looking ahead to the week of January 4. After Thanksgiving, we did a week of online learning and at the end of that week, felt it was a good idea; however, the next week, last week, we dealt with almost the same number of cases. Given that Christmas is 9 days ahead of January 4 and that any surge from New Year's Eve would take place the next week, we plan to return to in-person learning on January 4 all the while hoping that the new mitigation orders and everyone's diligence over the holidays will result in a lower case count.

So, to review:

- We will be 100% online December 21 and 22
- We will return to in-person learning on January 4.

I will do Facebook Live tomorrow at noon.”

All parents and families in the District received this communication via phone call home on Wednesday, December 16, around noon.

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.