



Mt. Lebanon School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As information about the COVID-19 virus is quickly evolving, the Mt. Lebanon School District is closely monitoring updates from our partners at the Mt. Lebanon Municipality, and state and federal public health officials. I want to assure you that the District is taking proactive steps to keep students and staff healthy in our schools. We are also considering strategies to sustain educational programs in the event of school closure. To be clear, we are not closing any school in the Mt. Lebanon School District, nor have we received any direction to do so at this time.

We have made a few important decisions based upon advice from Allegheny County Health Department, Center for Disease Control, the Governor's office, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Access to Our Schools

- The District will only permit essential visitors to our schools. Essential visitors are specifically parents/guardians or individuals listed as emergency contacts.
- IEP, GIEP, 504, and Parent/Teacher meetings, Health Office visits, Principal Office visits continue to be permitted.
- Classroom visits will not be permitted until further notice.
- All visitors to schools are encouraged to practice good hygiene and wash/sanitize their hands upon arrival to the building.

Student Trips

- The District is limiting student trips outside of Western Pennsylvania for the immediate future.
- Information about any trip currently scheduled will be communicated on a case by case basis.

School Activities

- School activities are occurring as scheduled.
- Changes to any activity currently scheduled will be communicated on a case by case basis.
- The Allegheny County Health Department recommends that the most vulnerable groups, which include the elderly, those with underlying medical conditions, and those that are currently sick, should avoid large events and mass gatherings.

Use of District Facilities

- At this time, outside groups are still permitted to use our facilities.

Potential School Closure

- Should there be a school or district closure in the future, we will implement Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs). As a reminder, there is detailed information about FIDs on the District website.
- The District is making arrangements to loan Chromebooks to families who do not have a device. This will allow students to access and complete on-line FID assignments. If you are in need of a device, please complete this form. More information on obtaining this device will be forthcoming if needed.
- In the event of a school closure, we are preparing to provide lunches to eligible students.

Once again, there is currently no direction from the Department of Education, Governor's office, Allegheny County Health Department, or Center for Disease Control that indicates a need to close schools in our region; this communication is to provide you with current information of the District's proactive and possible future actions.

Additional information is always available on our website at www.mtlsd.org/covid-19.

I realize that this situation is difficult and remains very fluid. I want to assure you that your children's health is paramount to all that we do. Nothing will stand in the way of making the best decision possible for the health and welfare of your children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Steinhauer". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

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