



## **Script of Dr. Block's Oct. 30, 2020 Video Message**

Hello Livingston Public Schools Community, this is Matt Block, Superintendent of Schools.

Today marks the first week that our schools have been open for in-person learning in all of our school buildings Pre-K through 12th grade. Thank you to our entire team for all of their efforts to make it happen. It was a successful first week, and we all enjoyed seeing our students at Heritage Middle School and Livingston High School for the first time since March!

I wanted to remind everyone that, due to the Governor's executive order mandating that all school facilities be closed for in-person learning on Election Day, rather than cancel school, we made the decision that ALL learning will be remote on Tuesday. Therefore, all Staff and students will be teaching and learning remotely this coming Tuesday, November 3rd. In-person instruction will resume on Wednesday, November 4. As published on the school calendar, all schools and offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 5 & 6. We know schedule changes can be confusing, so please remember to consult your school's cohort schedule to ensure your students are arriving at school on the correct day.

I know that tomorrow is Halloween, and I understand how much our students look forward to trick-or-treating! This year, more than ever, we are all seeking some joy and level of normalcy. Certainly, Halloween fun can help to promote positivity and social - emotional wellness. I am asking the community to please be cautious and follow health guidelines around social events this weekend and beyond. Based on the current COVID infection rates in Livingston, it is likely that Halloween parties where multiple people are gathered, without physical distancing and PPE, will ultimately contribute to undoing all the work we have done to open our schools for in-person learning. We want to keep our kids in school for in-person learning. Please, please consider the potential consequences and make healthy decisions this weekend and beyond.

One final note, please remember to set your clocks back on Saturday evening as daylight savings time comes to an end.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Thank you.