



## **Script of Dr. Block's Nov. 13, 2020 Video Message**

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

This has been a challenging couple of weeks in the Livingston Public Schools as we have needed to go all remote at Livingston High School and Burnet Hill Elementary School. We appreciate the patience of our community as we navigate through these unique and difficult times. We look forward to re-opening Livingston High School on November 17th and Burnet Hill Elementary School on November 24th for in-person hybrid instruction. As cases rise in our community, state and country, I hope that we all take away from our recent remote period, the importance of minimizing community spread, and observing healthy practices on our own time. We have now experienced first hand how personal health practices and the resulting community spread is intertwined with our ability to provide in-person instruction for our students. Please wear masks, practice social distancing, and take care of your neighbors by taking care of yourself.

Our nurses and administrative team have had to work around the clock to contact-trace and quarantine a number of members of our school community as a result of COVID -19 cases. While the numbers are always fluctuating, thanks to Michelle Bent, our Manager of Communication and Community Outreach, today we launched on our website a COVID-19 Dashboard outlining the number of members of our school community who have tested positive or have been required to quarantine as a result of recent cases. We hope this new tool helps to inform our community about the impact the virus is having on our schools. We will update the dashboard periodically.

To end on a positive note, today is *World Kindness Day*. I would like to encourage everyone to consider participating in an act of kindness either today or over this weekend. We need to engage in acts of kindness now more than ever. I will start by thanking all of the members of our LPS team who are working incredibly hard during this pandemic. Thank you for all you continue to do for our students.

I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and restful weekend. Thank you.