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SLSD Parents and Guardians,

As winter break begins, the staff and students of the Southern Lehigh School District should take great pride in the role that they have played in the successes of our school community throughout the opening months of the school year. Teaching and learning in a hybrid or remote instructional model has been more challenging than we expected. With social distancing, quarantining, the postponement of activities and long periods in front of computer screens, our staff and students have felt disconnected from the traditional K-12 experience. While our students and staff continue to deal with the stresses and burdens that COVID-19 has placed on our schools I continue to feel grateful of how they have gone above and beyond in their day-to-day pursuits throughout the fall. The collective commitment to keep each other safe and learning during these difficult times has been inspiring.

As a reminder, any staff or students who are planning to travel over winter break must follow the [order](#) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health upon your return. Please continue to do everything that you and your family can to keep yourself and others safe. Slowing the spread of COVID-19 requires a comprehensive community effort.

As a reminder, during the Winter Break please report any **POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES** to both Mr. Ruhf ([ruhft@slsd.org](mailto:ruhft@slsd.org)) and the School District Nursing Team members associated with your student. This change, for the holiday break, will ensure that the District Staff is able to maintain its responsibility to liaison with the PA DOH and ensure accurate building case counts while school is not in session.

The entire Southern Lehigh School District Community must continue to stand together and take action to support the COVID-19 mitigation efforts of social distancing, wearing a face mask, appropriate hand hygiene, and avoiding large gatherings. Notwithstanding, there has never been a winter break that felt as well deserved as this. While circumstances continue to prevent many of us from sharing the traditional holiday activities we are accustomed to with all of our loved ones, I hope that the time spent with immediate family will provide respite after a challenging fall.

Please take time to enjoy the break and maintain safe and healthy behaviors. I look forward to seeing our staff and students back on campus in January.

Kathleen Evison  
Superintendent