



**LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS ANNOUNCE PROTOCOLS REGARDING
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE**

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Dr. Jim Lahoski, North Central Ohio ESC
 Dr. Jeremy Marinis, Calvert Catholic Schools
 Mr. Andrew Sprang, Fostoria City Schools
 Mr. Jeff Holbrook, Hopewell-Loudon Local Schools
 Dr. Mark Burke, Mohawk Local Schools
 Mr. David Rombach, New Riegel Local Schools

Ms. Brenda Luhring, North Central Academy
 Mr. Tom Peiffer, Old Fort Local Schools
 Dr. Laura Kagy, Seneca East Local Schools
 Mr. Robert Boes, Tiffin City Schools
 Mr. Greg Edinger, Vanguard-Sentinel Career &
 Technology Centers

School officials from area public schools conducted a meeting today to announce a series of common protocols for addressing novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). While there are no reported cases of the COVID-19 in our immediate area, multiple area superintendents met to provide a collaborative response to the current health challenge in our state and nation.

There was agreement on the following matters:

- Any possible closing of schools would be announced jointly and be made in consultation with a county or state health official;
- Districts will continue to develop plans to address academic work in the event of the closure of school for multiple days;
- Agreement to postpone/cancel all indoor gatherings which involve and/or include non school personnel for thirty days and then reassess the next steps at that time;
- Districts will provide deep cleaning of buildings and facilities;
- Agreement to partner with the County Health Department and officials regarding strategic steps and recommendations for specific action; and
- Districts will develop regular communication protocols to maintain communications with students, parents and community members.

Seneca County Public Health's (SCPH) Health Commissioner, Beth Schweitzer, provided her support of the above listed community containment measures and is committed to continuing to work with Seneca County School Districts to protect the health of Seneca County residents.

Each school district will be conducting communications to their constituents on this matter. The purpose of this press release is to provide a consistent set of protocols for schools within the immediate area. Follow up questions regarding local school actions can be directed to each of the Superintendents. General information about COVID-19 can be found at www.coronavirus.gov. If residents have further general questions about COVID-19 they should call 1-833-4ASKODH. If residents have specific health-related questions, they should contact their physician. All school districts will continue to take direction from local and state health departments, the Ohio Department of Education and the Governor's office.