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Palmerton Area School District Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

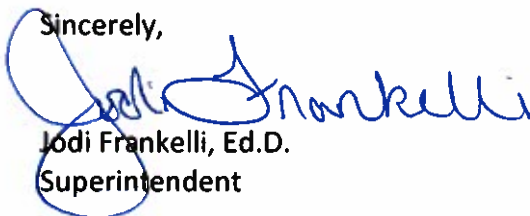
Today I was notified that a Palmer Elementary School student tested positive for COVID-19. This student has not been in Palmer Elementary School since October 20. This student is under the care of a doctor and is following the medical advice that has been provided. The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) will continue to monitor this student as well. The DOH completed the contact tracing process today.

I was in contact with DOH representatives several times today, and I am grateful for their prompt response, clear communication, and thorough guidance. The DOH is not recommending the closure of any schools at this time. With this case and any that arise in the future, the administrative team and I will continue to rely on the recommendations, guidance, and advice of the DOH and/or other medical professionals with regard to contact tracing, quarantining procedures, and school closures. We will always assist our public health officials with their contact tracing process in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

As a general reminder to all families and staff, please continue to monitor your own personal health and contact your health care provider with questions or concerns. St. Luke's University Health Network has a 24/7 hotline for families, staff, and community members. You can call 1-866-STLUKES (1-866-785-8537) option 7 with any COVID-19 questions you may have.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,



Jodi Frankelli, Ed.D.
Superintendent