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November 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

Due to an increase in COVID cases and an increase in quarantines and absences within our school, Howe Public Schools will transition to distance learning for the week of Nov 16-19 (Monday-Thursday). Just a reminder, Friday, Nov 20 is a scheduled NO SCHOOL DAY (professional development for staff). At this time, school is scheduled to resume after Thanksgiving Break, on Monday Nov 30. Thursday's P/T Conference scheduled for Nov 19 from 5-8 pm has been postponed. Additionally, all out-of-school activities (including all athletic events) have been postponed.

Next week will differ from the Distance Learning we experienced this past spring. All students will continue to use our learning management systems (LMS) to access their daily assignments, which includes SeeSaw for grades PK-3rd and Google Classroom for grades 4th-12th. All assignments should be completed on time as requested by each individual teacher.

Ongoing communication with teachers is key to provide our students a successful learning experience while in distributed learning. Students should check their email and classroom LMS daily and often. Please communicate any needs that you or your student(s) might have in a timely manner during the regularly scheduled school day times.

Student medications that are held in your school nurse's office can be picked up at each site by the parent or guardian if needed during this temporary shift to Distributed Learning. Please call the Elementary Office at 918.658.3508 to schedule a time.

The continued safety and well being of students and employees is our top priority. We continue to adhere to guidance from the Oklahoma State Department of Health, State Department of Education, the CDC, and Emergency Management in all decisions made.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership with us as we take the necessary steps to protect our school community. Again, the situation is being closely monitored and we will keep you apprised of any changes.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Parks, Superintendent Howe Public Schools