



North Little Rock School District

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December 1, 2020

Dear North Little Rock School District Community,

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to monitor the impact of the global pandemic on our state and our community. Rest assured that we take the health and safety of our students and staff seriously as our team of district and building-level leaders daily monitor the number of positive cases and those identified as close contact that need to be in quarantine. Therefore, the decisions we make are in the best interest of our students, staff, and community.

With this in mind, we have reviewed all the data from over the Thanksgiving Holiday and this week, and at this time, our numbers remain low across the district for positive cases and students and staff in quarantine. As such, we have determined that **it is safe for students of North Little Rock High School (NLRHS) and the Center of Excellence (COE) to return to on-site instruction on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, and Thursday, December 3, 2020**, while continuing with *Virtual Learning Fridays* on December 4, 2020, as normal. The decision to return to school was made after many of our staff members and students who were previously identified as close contacts were cleared to safely return to campus after the 14-day quarantine period. Again, we are confident to send our high school students back into their classrooms while continuing to practice the recommendations of the Arkansas Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As a reminder, if any staff member or student in our school district gets tested for COVID-19, **we urge them to avoid returning to campus until they have received their results. Individuals who get tested should check their email 24 hours after taking a COVID-19 test**, as results will be sent to that account. **Immediately after receiving a positive test result, the individual must contact the school district's point of contact hotline at (501) 240-1753.** This will help us tremendously as we collect data in real time as a positive case prompts our nurses to quickly investigate and identify close contacts and to place staff and students in quarantine.

As always, we will continue to daily monitor our COVID-19 data and make any adjustments needed to protect the health and safety of our students and staff. As this remains to be an evolving situation, we appreciate your support and assistance as we strive to focus on providing high quality daily instruction for all of our students.

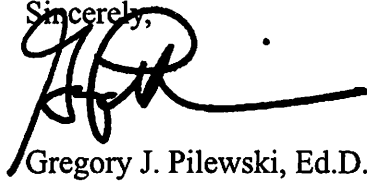
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We thank you for your patience and understanding. We appreciate you for doing your part in helping prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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Gregory J. Pilewski, Ed.D.
Superintendent