December 2, 2020

Dear Butteville Families,

Last night, the Butteville School Board made a difficult decision to return all students back to virtual learning on Monday, December 7. This decision is based on several factors, including our county's Tier 1 status and current 18.5% positivity rate of COVID-19 (highest of all surrounding counties). With the virus surge expected to continue climbing, this preemptive move aims to ensure the safety of students and staff as we move through the holidays. Our target goal is to return to in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, if the rates stabilize and start to decline after winter break.

The Butteville School Board will reevaluate reopening the school at their regularly scheduled board meeting on January 12. Even though the teachers would much rather be in the classroom with students, they are prepared for this transition. To make it seamless:

- We are already proven veterans of virtual learning, which makes the transition smoother.
- Teachers have designed their lessons to be adaptable to either online or in-person learning.
- Materials pick-up/drop-off will resume this week. Teachers will inform students when materials are available to pick-up or if materials need to be dropped off.
- The kitchen is working on a once-a-week free breakfast/lunch bag to be picked up at school for any students that request meals. It is in the planning stage, so please contact Colton Cheffey at colton@butteville.k12.ca.us if you are interested in this possible meal plan.

We strongly believe that our school has been one of the safest learning environments in all of Siskiyou County during this pandemic. We also are truly proud of how our Butteville staff and community members have remained steadfast and shown resiliency during these learning challenges. We are all in this together, and with resolve, we will get safely to the other side!

Sincerely,

Eric Bragg, Principal
Len Foreman, Superintendent