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To the Huntsmen Community:

Once again, I'd like to thank our staff and community for making a tremendous effort to keep our students in school. We have been diligent in our efforts by wearing masks, sanitizing frequently, and also by practicing and modeling good hygiene habits.

As of today, we have seven positive (or presumed positive) staff cases and four positive student cases. As a result of those cases, we have several students and staff in quarantine for the next couple weeks. We have also been made aware of other staff members and students that have been tested and are awaiting results. Those staff members and students are also self-quarantined pending the outcome of tests.

Due to the lack of staffing, and a large number of students and staff quarantined, effective tomorrow, December 10, 2020 the district will move to Plan B. This means all students will be in a remote learning environment. We will remain on Plan B until Monday January 4, 2021 and return to in person learning on Tuesday January 5, 2021. Should further remote learning need to take place, we will communicate that immediately once a decision is made.

While students are in the remote learning session, please have your child log on each day to complete their respective assignments. While the district understands this is not the most effective way to educate, we do care deeply about the health and safety of our students, staff, and community members. Should your child need help completing assignments, please contact their respective teacher or building administrator. We will be delivering food during remote learning days. A link will be published on our website for meal deliveries. You will need to sign up in order to receive the meals.

During this extended time away, please make sure your children are continuing to wear their masks, practice social distancing, and wash hands often. We also ask that you keep your children from gathering at other homes to avoid further spread of the virus.

We will continue to work with the local health department as we make further decisions about our return on January 5, 2021.

Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Pete Ruby'.

Pete Ruby
Superintendent