



North Little Rock School District

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December 11, 2020

Dear North Little Rock School District Community,

We are continuing to monitor the spike in positive cases across the state of Arkansas. Our primary responsibility in the North Little Rock School District is to provide a safe environment for our students and staff because it takes a team approach. We salute our students, staff, nurses, and families who have gone above and beyond to assist us in ensuring that there is a continuous teaching and learning process.

While we continue to have a low number of positive cases in our district we are experiencing a growing number of staff and students identified as a close contact, particularly at the Center of Excellence, North Little Rock High School, and the North Little Rock Middle School – Seventh & Eighth Grade Campus. Individuals deemed as a close contact must be quarantined for at least 10 days, an updated recommendation by the Arkansas Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The resources at these schools are being strained to support high quality face-to-face instruction.

For that reason, the **Center of Excellence, North Little Rock High School, and the North Little Rock Middle School – Seventh & Eighth Grade Campus will transition to remote learning on Monday, December 14, 2020, and Tuesday, December 15, 2020.** District administrators will continue to monitor system-wide COVID-19 data on a daily basis and will determine when students can safely return to campus after December 15, 2020. While we encourage students to engage in classes at home, we understand that some families may elect to send their students to campus in the event there is no childcare at home, a lack of internet access, or there is a need for specialized services.

If a student needs a mobile WiFi hotspot, they are asked to contact their school for more information. Meal distribution will continue on remote learning days and will operate as it does on Virtual Learning Fridays.

Should a staff member or student get tested for COVID-19 for any reason, please notify the district's point of contact immediately to report results that return positive. The number to reach the school district point of contact is **(501) 240-1753** and is available daily from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Anyone who calls the hotline after 8:00 p.m. is urged to leave a voicemail, and the call will be returned the following day. If it is an emergency, please call 911.

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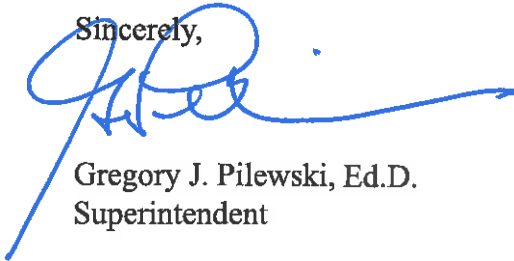
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Please make sure to check your email 24 hours after taking the COVID-19 test, as results will be sent to that account.

If a student or staff member notices a symptom, even if it feels like allergies or the common cold, get tested or go see a physician immediately.

We appreciate everyone for doing their part in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Pilewski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory J. Pilewski, Ed.D.
Superintendent