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Hello Bulldog Families,

Thank you for another great week of schools--our 14th! Next week, we take a pause for Thanksgiving break. Please remember that there is no instruction of any kind on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. Wednesday, November 25 was already a holiday on our school calendar.

We've seen a steady increase in COVID 19 cases and quarantines over the past two weeks. We think is in part due to gatherings on Halloween, and other get togethers, events or occurrences that are happening outside of school. We greatly appreciate your help in making decisions that will slow the spread of COVID 19, and for many of us, that means a change in Thanksgiving plans. I realize this is difficult. My own family's plans have changed as well.

Looking ahead, I will communicate with our families early next week about our plans for the week of November 30, 2020. While we've seen an increase in cases and quarantines (you can see our data here: <https://www.ms.k12.il.us/covid-dashboard>), we continue to successfully manage what is happening through our contact tracing, communication and collaboration with the CUPHD. We will evaluate our situation early next week. One data piece we are looking closely at is how many staff we have in quarantine. Thank you to all of our amazing substitute teachers, and to others who are covering classes! So again, a decision about our plans for school the week of November 30 will be communicated to you early next week. To be fully prepared, we have asked our students, this week, to take home what would be needed for remote learning. I encourage your family to have plans for remote learning should that be the decision that is made, if child care arrangements, etc need to be made.

In closing, please watch this Thanksgiving message from the Mahomet-Seymour Schools.

<https://youtu.be/sMvHp7tx-GY>

Happy Thanksgiving!

Very sincerely,

Dr. Lindsey Hall

Superintendent of Schools

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