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TO: Gravette Board of Education
FROM: Maribel Childress, Superintendent
DATE: August 12, 2021
RE: District Provided COVID Leave for staff

The administration would like to recommend a COVID-19 Leave policy for Licensed and Classified Personnel for the 2021-2022 school year retroactive to August 16, 2021. The policy proposal would require a staff vote for approval. If the staff approves the proposal, the administration will present the policy to the Board of Education for their final approval during the regular Board of Education meeting in September. The policies would allow staff ten (10) days to be used with the following circumstances:

1. The employee is ordered by the District, a medical professional, or the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19 for one of the following reasons:
 - Testing positive for COVID-19;
 - Experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis; or
 - Is a probable close contact or close contact that has been ordered to quarantine.
2. The employee is caring for another individual due to the individual's positive COVID-19 test, quarantine order, or isolation order; or the closure of the school or place of care of the employee's child.

The funds to support the COVID-19 Leave policy will come from ARP/ESSER III Funds.

MOTION: I move that we authorize the superintendent to seek staff approval for a district provided COVID Leave policy for the 2021-2022 school year as is described above.