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Greetings, USD 415 Families:

Thank you for your continued support of the health and safety of our students and staff as we continue our efforts to provide safe in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. I want to make you aware of a new program that will be available and may help to mitigate some of the impacts of quarantine.

As you know, staff and students who are deemed to be close contacts of a COVID-positive case are typically required to stay home for 10 days following the exposure. There is, however, a provision within the guidelines that can reduce the time spent out of school. USD 415 will soon be able to provide that option for your student. The option is called “Test to Stay and Learn” and involves testing susceptible close contacts daily during their normal quarantine period and allowing them to continue in-person learning as long as the test result is negative.

The contact’s parent can complete a separate form consenting to participate in daily testing for seven school days following the exposure, provided no symptoms develop during that time. The test is called the Abbott-BinaxNOW Antigen Test. Collecting a specimen for this test involves inserting a small swab, similar to a Q-tip, approximately one inch into the front of the nose. Results are received within approximately 15 minutes.

If the day’s test is negative, and the student remains asymptomatic, the student may attend. If the test is positive, the student will then be sent home and must remain at home for 10 days. The “Test to Stay and Learn” option is completely voluntary. You, as the parent/guardian can opt-in or out at any time.

We anticipate having this option available shortly after Labor Day. Prior to that time, we will provide more information regarding parental permission, logistics, and other details. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Lonnie Moser, Superintendent

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