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Dear DUSD family,

Hope this letter finds you all well. We have been monitoring our COVID case numbers and staff absences closely over the past couple of weeks. This week has been even more challenging to manage due to teacher and staff absences, in addition to the many student positive cases. These are certainly unprecedented times and our priority has always been student and staff safety and well-being. We know our students belong in school and it is our intention to maintain it as long as it's safe for all.

After carefully reviewing our data today, the difficult decision has been made to revert to Distance Learning for all schools for two weeks starting on Friday, January 21, 2022 thru Friday, February 4, 2022. As a mitigation measure and in order to keep all of our staff and students safe, we must provide our instruction via Distance Learning. We hope that these two weeks will decrease the spread amongst staff and students at school. We will resume In-Person Learning on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 (as there is no school on Monday).

All students will be held accountable for their online instruction which includes mandatory attendance, completing and turning in all assignments, and engaging daily in their learning. This does **not** mean students will have a two-week vacation. It is the expectation that all assignments are to be submitted via Google Classroom or Academic Learning Packets completed and returned to your child's teacher in order to receive a grade. Any student who is not present, engaged and/or fails to submit assignments will be counted as absent. We strongly encourage your child to turn on their cameras when participating in Distance Learning as it is important for our teachers to engage with them. If you need assistance with technology, you must contact your child's school.

All elementary schools will be issuing Academic Learning Packets and/or Google Classroom. Middle Schools and High School will be via Google Classroom.

If your child is ill and can't attend class virtually, then please call the school to excuse them. We expect that you continue to inform your child's school if your child is either positive for COVID or has been exposed to someone in the family or elsewhere.

In addition, all of our schools will be providing breakfast and lunch from 10:00 am-2:00 pm daily as "Grab and Go." This is also for any child in our community up to 18 years old. We ask that you take your child's ID when picking up meals. There will also be two separate routes for "Meals on Wheels" from 10:30 am-2:00 pm, covering Pirtleville, Bay Acres, and South Douglas (1st-10th Street) Area.

Please contact your child's school and review their website for any more information. We hope you understand that this was a difficult decision to make but our priority is the well-being of our students and staff. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but appreciate your cooperation and support to ensure all of our students can resume In-Person Learning.

Sincerely,

Ana C. Samaniego, Superintendent

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