

January 21, 2022

Highland CUSD No. 5 parents and staff,

I sent a rather long update last week and I plan to make amends by making this update very brief. First, I provided information about a couple pieces of litigation last week, one of which could have significant impact on the mitigations we have in place (specifically masks). I want to report that the judge took the arguments under advisement and will be making a decision no earlier than Friday, January 28. Her judgement will be sent to parties in the suit so I plan to provide an update on the judgement and the impact it will have, if any, to our local policies and/or procedures as soon as I receive it. I have meetings scheduled next week to assist in identifying any barriers that may cause concern when a ruling is provided. Our priority is keeping our students in school. We will address all issues to the best of our ability, but we can only do so much.

Our numbers for this week are as follows: Highland Primary reported 11 new student positive cases, 1 new staff positive, eighteen new student quarantines, and 1 new staff quarantine. Alhambra Primary reported 3 new student positives and 2 new student quarantines. Highland Elementary reported 7 new student positives and 6 new student quarantines. Grantfork Elementary reported 2 new student positives and 2 new student quarantines. Highland Middle School reported 6 new student positives and 8 new student quarantines. Highland High School reported 26 new student positives and 1 new staff positive.

The Highland CUSD No. 5 board of education regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. We have continued to offer the live stream as an opportunity for folks to view the meeting during the pandemic, but in-person meetings **are** open to the public. If you wish to access the meeting via the live stream, please use the following link: <https://youtu.be/A2En5ky-GZ8>

Lastly, I want to again thank everyone who plays a role in educating our students in this community. They are teachers, staff, volunteers, parents, local businesses and community members who make our world rock! Thank you so much for your efforts in making our students our top priority. Have a great weekend!

Educationally Yours,

Michael S. Sutton, Superintendent