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COVID UPDATE—Just as we saw in the fall, we are currently experiencing a rise in cases. This does seem to be the trend around the state as well. There have been several districts that have had to close. We stay in contact with surrounding districts and most of them that have closed have done so because the number of cases among staff members has increased greatly. In those cases, most have communicated they would have remained open had they had enough staff. In our situation, we have seen the number of positive cases decreasing in staff. However, student numbers have increased. In terms of our trends we do see that family members seem to spread this variant quickly within the home. Again, we encourage you to continue in the practices you and your family feel safe in doing.

- Elementary—Staff: 1 Active case. Students: 9 Active cases (4 first graders, 2 second graders, 3 third graders)
- Intermediate—Staff: 0 Active cases. Students: 2 Active cases (1 fourth grader, 1 fifth grader)
- Junior High—Staff: 3 Active cases. Students: 6 Active case (1 sixth graders, 3 seventh graders, 3 eighth graders)
- High School—Staff: 0 active cases. Students: 11 Active cases (4 freshmen, 4 sophomores, 1 junior, 3 seniors)
- Non-specific campus staff: 1 Active cases
- An active case will leave this list upon the return to school.

UPDATED HEALTH PROTOCOLS—TEA has made no new changes. However, for students involved in extra-curricular activities, there has been an additional change. Students who participate in band and/or athletics were required to complete their quarantine time if they tested positive. They also were required to have clearance from a doctor to return to activities. However, UIL now states that it is not required to receive a doctor's clearance in order to return. Any student who tests positive may return after day 10 of symptoms or positive test (if asymptomatic). It is strongly encouraged that you visit with your doctor, but it is no longer required. Again, this decision will now be up to the individual families.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR—Families of high school students can expect to receive information about next school year and class offerings, if they have not already received it. While the second semester has just begun, the school year is only 4 months away from ending!

ATHLETICS—This evening our boys' and girls' basketball teams are in action at Trinity. Our Soccer teams will be playing at Diboll. On Saturday the wrestling team will in action at Foster high School.

As we have been mentioning, there are increased cases of Covid occurring. If your child doesn't feel well, please keep them home and monitor them as directed by your family and your physician. We want students here with us; however, we want them here in as safe an environment as we can have, so if they don't feel well please be wise. Thank you again as we know that this has been hard on students, teachers, parents, staff, and everyone else!

In Bulldog pride,

"Together We Can"