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Dear Oologah-Talala parents, staff and community members:

As our country fights the spread of COVID-19, we believe one of our greatest responsibilities is to communicate transparently and often with you, our school community. It is our hope that accurate and up-to-date correspondence will help you make well-informed decisions for your family. Nothing is more important to us than the safety and health of our students, our employees and their families. When we work together, we can provide the best care for all involved.

Last night, we learned the following information: In two different situations, three student-athletes recently received notification that they had possibly been in contact with a person who had tested positive for COVID-19. This information was received days after the students had returned to work out during our summer pride. The students have exhibited no symptoms of the illness; however, they are being tested and self-quarantining at this time as an added precaution and safeguard.

Oologah-Talala will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces inside all areas of the schools possibly affected. Additionally, we have suspended summer activities until further notice.

As more cases are being confirmed across the state, it is important to remain vigilant. The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- When you are unable to practice social distancing in a public setting, wear a cloth mask.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, you are encouraged to contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this

challenging situation together. Thank you for your support of Oologah-Talala Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Max Tanner

Superintendent