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Travis Dittemore, Superintendent

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Buchanan County R-IV Students, Parents & Gardians,

I hope this letter finds you well! With one month remaining before our scheduled return to classes for the 2020-2021 school year, I want to take this opportunity to share what the best information we have at this time with you.

As you know, we have not been in session since March 17 of the 2019-20 school year. While we consider everything a learning experience, we hope that scenario is not one we ever have to deal with again. Unfortunately, there is still much about the COVID-19 virus that is not clear.

We will post our reentry plan on our website next week once we have approval at the state level. This will include condensed details of how we plan to reopen and safeguards and procedures we will have in place upon the return of the students. Our goal is to create a learning environment that is safe for all of our students and staff!

These are fluid times and information we receive changes from week to week. Our plans may very well do the same as August 24th and beyond is upon us.

- School is scheduled to resume Monday, August 24th, 2020. Classes will be held in a traditional setting with safeguards in place. Provisions are being made should we need to pivot to a virtual platform at any point during the school year.
- If you are in need of a "Hot Spot" for your home in order to receive internet service please contact Aaron Matthews, Director of Technology, at 685-3160.
- Masks will be encouraged, but not required as of this time. Should county guidelines change, as will ours. Masks will be provided for all students regardless.
- Adjustments for transportation and food service are in place. We are encouraging those that have the ability to bring their children to school to please do so in order to provide more open seats on the busses. The district will relax times that students can be dropped off at school in order to help those that can do so.

Again, these are only highlights of the plan we will post next week. Take care!

Sincerely,

Travis Dittemore
Superintendent