



Update #11 – August 24, 2020

Santa Fe R-X Community:

August 24th!!! The day has finally come! We are sooooo excited to have our kids back with us at Santa Fe! Now that our students are back and we have returned to school, I would like to share a couple of items with the patrons and parents:

1. Thank you for your support. Many, many incredibly tough decisions have had to be made over the past several months. Certainly, some of you may have disagreed with a few of those decisions; and while I am not on any type of social media, I have not heard about those who might not agree posting disrespectful messages or causing unnecessary drama and grief for all in the community. So again, I thank all of you for your overall support, understanding and respect you've shown to the district through a very difficult time.
2. Secondly, I would like to address our response to positive Covid cases. Without question, we will have students and/or staff in our buildings get sick, as we do every year with various communicable diseases. What we will have to work through this year is how we respond when our students are sick with Covid. Certainly, public opinions and pressures sway the decisions school administrators make. It is my hope that when the inevitable happens and we have students sick with Covid, that it won't be made into more than it is. Handling difficult situations in a respectful, reasonable way is the Santa Fe way, for which I am grateful.

In closing, it is my hope that we are able to keep our doors open and offer all of our extra-curricular programming throughout the 2020-21 school year. With your support, I believe we can do just that. Also, I would like to remind all of our parents and students of the request to make checking your temperature part of your morning routine. If your temperature is above 100.4, please stay home and contact your school. That's it for now- GO CHIEFS!

Sincerely,

**Derek Lark
Superintendent
Santa Fe R-X School District**