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Trenton R-IX Bulldog Families

RE: COVID-19 Update

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Bulldog Families:

This is an update to explain our current state of affairs with the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to our school, staff, and students. If you recall in our reopening plan, there were differences in how we would operate across the district with this issue. PreK-4 would be in cohort groups and be required to wear masks when not in their cohort groups within their classroom. We did this to help prevent a large number of close contacts with any positive coronavirus event. The benefit would be that we would be able to only close a classroom versus closing down the entire facility in the event of a positive case.

We have had three cases where we have had a positive coronavirus event within classrooms. Therefore, we have three classes of students that are deemed to be close contacts and have a directive for quarantine for a period of time.

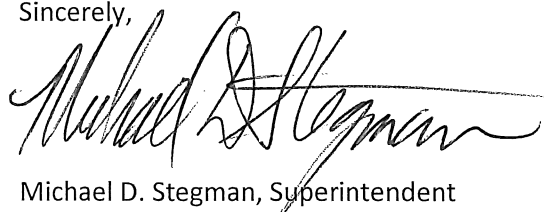
As of now, it is our intent to continue with face to face instruction for those students who are not in quarantine. For those in quarantine, we are working to either provide online instruction and/or packets of work to keep the students on pace with their grade level.

Protocol – When there is a confirmation of a positive coronavirus exposure on our campus, we proceed with the following steps. Our school nurse interviews the positive individual and creates a close contact list. The list is then sent to the Grundy County Health Department. The Grundy County Health Department contacts the individuals and directs the length of quarantine necessary for each. If you are not notified as a close contact, you are not subject to any quarantine.

The district is responsible for investigating and contact tracing for any positive coronavirus case that occurs on our campuses. Each case is handled independently. The Trenton R-IX coronavirus number, including all persons positive and/or quarantined, as of this notice is 136 persons.

What can parents and students do to help? Be diligent about wearing a mask when not social-distancing and continue to wash your hands often. Our schools will stay open as long as we can do so safely. Everyone must continue to be diligent in battling this virus.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Stegman, Superintendent



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