## **Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302**

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Dear Okaw Valley CUSD #302 Students, Staff, and Families,

**Back to School:** Making it to Labor Day was our goal to start the year. We are overly pleased how everyone has done their part to ensure In-Person Learning for our students. Please continue to screen your child prior to each school day. If your child displays any symptoms, please keep them home until they have been seen by a doctor. The district understands this practice is inconvenient on families, but breaking up the positive momentum would be more of an inconvenience on everyone. Thank you so much for your support to make In-Person Learning continue.

**Dismissal:** It was stated that prior to the school year the district would re-evaluate 2:00 pm dismissal during the Labor Day Weekend. The district will continue to dismiss at 2:00 pm in all buildings. The reasons for early dismissal are intended for our teachers to meet with our Remote Learners, plan for our Remote Learners, and for our custodial staff to sanitize the buildings. The district will re-evaluate dismissal again the weekend of Columbus Day.

Be Prepared: Being prepared is essential. In the event of shutting down school(s), the district's intention is to give 48 hours notice to families to prepare. The district will do everything possible to continue school in a safe manner as directed by the health department. There could be instances where specific classrooms, specific grade levels, or specific buildings only get shutdown after contact tracing is performed by the health department.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone at Okaw Valley. Our teachers, staff, and students have been absolutely great! Thank you for stepping up to the plate and doing what it takes to continue a positive education during these uncertain times. Thank you for putting students first!

\*PLEASE NOTE - CALENDAR CHANGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*

\*THE DISTRICT WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE CALENDAR CHANGES IN ADVANCE\*

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