Meridian Community Unit School District #101

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Dear Meridian Community,

First of all I would like to dispel the rumor mill which is extremely inaccurate. Meridian Community School District #101 does not have an outbreak of COVID-19. The District has had one case, just one. There are rumors being spread that we have 10, 15, 25 or more cases, which is untrue. The District has to comply with the Southern Seven Health Department in handling potential COVID-19 situations. The District has to take its direction from them and comply with their standards. The District also has to comply with HIPPA policies which protect the privacy of individuals, just as anyone is protected by those same policies if they would visit any medical professional. The District would love to be able to give the public more information, but we legally cannot.

What I can tell you is that we were commended by the health department for the safety protocols and measures we have implemented at the School District. These range from the plexi-glass partitions in the cafeteria, library, classrooms and other places. The sanitizing routines used in all areas multiple times a day. The protocols and procedures implemented to keep social distancing and masks in place. The seating charts and assigned seats in all places to limit potential contact with multiple individuals. The District has been commended not just by the health department but other entities and school districts for the measures put in place.

The District continues to work hard to keep the schools open and safe. The District also appreciates the tremendous support we have received from numerous people and parents throughout the beginning of this school year. Most of all the District appreciates the hard work, long hours and dedication by its staff to implement all of these new procedures during this time of change.

Sincerely.

Jonathan D. Green Superintendent