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

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

Over the weekend there has been multiple cases of COVID - 19, and multiple positive exposures to individuals at Okaw Valley Middle School and Okaw Valley High School. We are coordinating efforts with the Moultrie County Health Department to promptly identify individuals who have had recent contact with the COVID - 19 positive individuals to prevent further spread within our school and communities. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority.

Following the guidance of the CDC and our state and local health departments, we are placing all staff members and students who are identified as having prolonged close contact to the COVID-19 cases in quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts have or will also receive a separate notification from the Moultrie County Health Department.

We will continue our ongoing monitoring of students and staff for signs and symptoms of illness and evaluation of illness reports to promptly identify possible outbreaks. Our custodial staff will continue to deep clean and disinfect the areas impacted by potential exposure to the COVID-19 Virus.

Beginning Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, all Okaw Valley Middle School Students and Okaw Valley High School Students will move to Remote Learning. All Okaw Valley Elementary Students will continue In-Person Learning as regularly scheduled. We plan to resume In-Person Learning for Okaw Valley Middle School and Okaw Valley High School on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Okaw Valley Middle School Teachers and Okaw Valley High School Teachers will be in contact with your student(s) on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

All bus routes, and bus times will remain unchanged for all In-Person Learners. All extra-curricular activities will continue as scheduled. We will continue to update the public over the weekend, and monitor the situation.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. In the event that families don't feel comfortable to attend In-Person Learning, please contact your building principal.

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

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

For any further assistance please contact any of the following administrators:

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