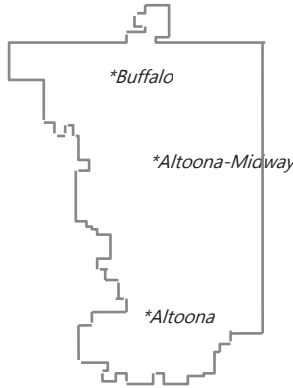


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October 9th, 2020

USD 387 Parents and Students:

At an emergency board meeting on Thursday, October 8th, the USD 387 Board of Education voted to move all of our students to remote learning for a period of no less than 14 days. Online learning will begin on Tuesday, October 13th. Staff from your student's respective buildings will be in contact with each family to provide more detailed information. Attendance will be required and there will be full accountability with assignments, tests and grades. We will continue with our meal program in the same manner we did this summer. This will also begin on Tuesday, October 13th. Please contact Diane Cook via email at dcook@usd387.org if your students will be taking those meals.

We have had a significant number of positive Covid-19 cases in our student body this week and in the households of multiple families. Those positive tests have led to a large number of students being quarantined by the Wilson County Health Department. To date, contact tracing has led to more than 50 students being quarantined and multiple staff being quarantined with contact tracing still being done.

With that information I recommended to the board of education that we move to remote learning for a period of time to try and slow the rate of infection and because we had so many students being quarantined. Please understand that the infections alone did not facilitate this decision. The large number of quarantined students and staff made it more prudent and safer for us to move to remote learning and be able to provide meals and other services to all students in the most efficient manner. Please also be reminded that we have a large number of staff that have underlying medical conditions and are extremely vulnerable.

This was not an easy decision for the district, as we all know that most students learn better in-person than online. The USD 387 Board of Education will meet again the week of October 19th to reevaluate where we are and determine if we will remain in remote learning or come back to in-person classes.

***Parents: If your household does not have adequate internet connection for your students, please contact me via email at bkaempfe@usd387.org. In the email, please indicate the best phone number for you to be reached at and I will contact you directly to discuss other options.

***Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for continuing information regarding this issue moving forward.

Yours In Education

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