

October 12, 2020

Happy Monday EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!

It is hard to believe how quickly the first five weeks of the 2020-21 school year have passed by so quickly. I am very thankful for the nice weather we have been experiencing during the fall harvest season and grateful it has not been like last year! Someone shared some photos from October 11, 2019 and I do not miss seeing close to a foot of heavy snow on the ground! Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

**No School on October 15 & 16** - The traditional fall break is scheduled for this week and there will be no school on October 15 & 16. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and you will be able to enjoy a little time in the outdoors with your families.

**School Model Update** - The latest 14-day case per 10,000 number for Polk County grew to **24.69** (September 13-26) and estimates for the next two-week period look to be very similar. **PLEASE NOTE - The 14-day number does not trigger an automatic transition to a new learning model when the number increases to the next level.** The weekly [Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County](#) provides guidance at the top of the first page for school districts to follow, but several other factors are taken into consideration before choosing the appropriate model. **The School District and PCPH work together very closely when determining the best model for the District and continue to be comfortable with in-person instruction for grades PK-5 and hybrid learning for grades 6-12.** The District Incident Command Team meets with Sarah Reese from PCPH weekly to discuss case numbers in the area and she is currently recommending for EGF ISD 595 to stay in the current model. There are many factors she considers before making a recommendation and I trust her judgment. All of us want our students to be in school as much as possible while providing a safe environment for all of our students and staff members.

**Green Wave Activities Update** - Congratulations to the Green Wave Cross Country (Boys & Girls) and Boys Soccer teams on earning conference championships last week! It has been an exciting fall season for all of our teams and there are still many games yet to be played! Please check out the school district activities calendar to find a listing of the events and stay tuned for messages regarding the broadcasting of certain games. GO GREEN WAVE!

## 2020 Lakes to Prairie Boys Soccer Conference Champions



## 2020 Northwest Conference Cross Country Champions



**Girls Individual Champion - Lydia Floden**  
**Boys Individual Champion - Tyson Mahar**

Have a GREAT WEEK!

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