

Eagle Family.

As we have transitioned to in-person classes during a most uncertain time, I want to keep my promise as superintendent that I will always keep parents and staff in the loop of what is happening in our county schools. As you know, we are currently in our first full week of JC Brick-&-Mortar face to face instruction. This evening we have confirmed that one staff member and one student have tested positive for COVID19 at W.R. Castle Elementary.

After verification from Johnson County Health Department, we want the public to know contact tracing is underway. This student did attend class on Tuesday and the staff member worked on Tuesday. All seating charts have been provided to the health department to assist in contact tracing, and please be aware the Johnson County Health Department will notify all contacts upon completion. Even if you are not placed under quarantine, please continue to monitor yourself for symptoms.

We will continue to hold face to face classes in Johnson County at this time, and there will be school in all Johnson County Schools tomorrow, October 16, 2020. We know that cases and quarantines are unavoidable, and I know that makes many of you nervous, but we want to remain open as safely as humanly possible. We also implore you not to send students to school if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID19. Cleaning has been thorough and we will continue to sanitize regularly throughout the day and evening.

Lastly, please remember that masks must be worn at school. This is not only for your child, but also for the teachers, the staff, and every other child's protection. We will keep you updated as needed, and we will continue to work closely with the Johnson County Health Department to ensure we are in school when it is safe and virtual when it is not. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thom Cochran".