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Dear Prairie Home Family,

As we work to keep students and staff safe during this pandemic, we will share as much information as possible with you, while still following legal and ethical privacy rules.

The school district is in contact with the Cooper County Public Health Center, and Melanie Hutton, RN Administrator, for guidance and recommendations. We have been informed of a least one student that has tested positive. We do have some other students that are waiting on test results. The students are, or will be, following the Health Department's guidelines for self-isolation, for the required period of time before returning to campus. Please remember that the district cannot provide specific staff or student information due to confidentiality laws and policies. We have also been informed about exposures and closures at surrounding schools.

The District will continue to work closely with the Cooper County Health Department in their contact-tracing efforts as needed and will continue to do so with future cases. As an additional precaution and with recommendations from Cooper County Health Department, we will progress to the Category 2 of our re-entry plan. All staff members will be required to wear masks when social distancing is not possible. Students will be required to wear masks as well when social distancing is not possible (in hallways, on buses, in classrooms if social distancing is not possible). Classes will eat in their assigned classrooms or outside for lunch. We will not be eating in the cafeteria. The re-entry plan is on the district website for review at your convenience.

If the Health Department determines that a student or staff member is at high risk of exposure, those individuals will be contacted by the school and/or Health Department and provided with further guidance. If you are not contacted, your student has not been identified by this process as an individual at high risk of exposure. Please know that any exposure related to the student or staff member would have occurred within isolated settings, therefore, we anticipate that the contact tracing will not result in a high number of individuals contacted by the Health Department. However, if your student is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, seek guidance from the Cooper County Health Department or your medical provider, **and please keep them home.**

Our district continues to take extra precautions (extra cleaning, increased hand sanitizer usage, mask-wearing, etc.). Once again, we are trying to share as much information as possible with you.

Thank you for your support as we work to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,



Scott Gemes, Superintendent

“Positive Learning Environment creates Positive Student Success”