



SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

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Dear Salt Creek District 48 Families,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. I wanted to take a few minutes of your time to update you, our stakeholders of our future plans. The DuPage County Health Department has shared that our county remains at a 'red substantial transmission level.' We also continue to see an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in our county and from the four communities that we serve (Elmhurst, Villa Park, Oak Brook, and Oakbrook Terrace). I wish that our county/local metric information was improving, but it continues to trend in the wrong direction.

Local metrics can be viewed at the website below.

<http://covid-dashboard.fsm.northwestern.edu/>

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families remains our top priority. We know what a challenging time this has been for many, and I want to thank you for your patience and flexibility. **At this time, all students will continue in an eLearning model of instruction. While we are still in a red substantial transmission level, the DuPage County Health Department has stated that certain groups of students can return for in-person instruction. We are evaluating plans to bring back certain groups of students to resume in-person learning in the near future and that information will be shared with our families early next week.**

Please know that these are not easy decisions to make and that a lot of thought and time has gone into this process. I know that this announcement will make some individuals happy, but will also disappoint others. We will continue to monitor the weekly DuPage County Health Department matrix, speak with medical professionals, and should we move from the red substantial transmission level, we will resume all of our previous Hybrid AM and PM sessions. We have created a Salt Creek District 48 COVID-19 Dashboard on our website and you can locate this information at the link listed below.

<https://www.saltcreek48.org/page/covid-19-information>

We must lower the rates of community transmission in order to return to on-site hybrid instruction. Please be sure to follow public health measures to help reduce virus transmission, including:

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jake Chung".

Dr. Jake Chung
Superintendent of Schools

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