

October 10, 2020

Dear Dodgeland Families,

Each day that we have been able to be in our building with your child has been a gift. Your child has been learning as we've taught new concepts, created caring classroom communities, and focused on our core mission - being the road to a better tomorrow for each and every child.

Our re-opening plan, including an intensified safety protocol, has been successful. To date, we have no evidence that the spread of COVID-19 occurred as a result of contact within our building. We are proud of that accomplishment and thank you for your cooperation and support.

However, the District was informed Saturday morning that a staff member from the Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. A second staff member has also tested positive for COVID-19. Both individuals are now in isolation. The Elementary School staff member has expansive responsibilities throughout the entire Elementary School. Contact tracing indicates widespread close contacts with both staff and students. The second staff member has minimal contact with students and staff. Contact tracing for this individual has also been done and those staff members who would be considered close contacts have been informed and are in quarantine.

Based on this situation, we need to shift from in-person learning to a universal live-streamed learning environment for a short period of time for the **Elementary School**. EC/4K-5th grade students will be at home with their iPads receiving direct instruction from their classroom teachers **Monday, October 12 through October 22**. October 23 is a previously scheduled staff professional development day. Students may return for in-person learning on **Monday, October 26**. All students know how to log onto BlueJeans to access learning. If there is a need for tech support, please call 920-386-4404, ext. 2999 or students can submit a help desk ticket from their iPad or at <http://bit.ly/DSDHelpDesk>.

**If you need assistance with internet access**, you have two options:

- The District has a limited number of hot spots available to be checked out if a family does not have and cannot afford internet access. Please contact [huelsman@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:huelsman@dodgeland.k12.wi.us) or [modaffb@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:modaffb@dodgeland.k12.wi.us).
- Our building/grounds is one large hotspot. You may drive into our parking lots and have your child use our public wi-fi to download the resources he or she needs to continue learning.

**If you need assistance with meals**, please contact Ms. Cathy Lamb at 386-4404, ext. 1341. Boxes of meals will be available for pick-up at the back of our school building.

**There will be no live-streaming on Friday, October 23**. This date is set aside for staff professional development.

**In-person Parent-Teacher Conferences** will not be taking place this fall. However, you can expect a report from your child's teacher by the end of October with information about his or her academic and behavioral progress.

At this time, the **impact on athletics** is minimal. However, positive contacts with a team member may require the cancellation of a fall sports season.

It is our fervent hope that limiting the amount of contact within our walls will result in the safe return to in-person learning later this month. Please help us achieve this objective by limiting your exposure to others and wearing a face covering at all times. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

The Dodgeland Administrative Team