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Cody Rierson, EdD, Superintendent

Dear USD 423 Parents and Families,

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USD 423 takes pride in the collaborative relationships we have with our families. This letter is to proactively communicate how we could handle a surge in Covid 19 cases with our district as we move forward through a global pandemic. We will continue with our current district plan. Our plan was created with stakeholder input, and our BOE reviews data and decides monthly how to proceed. Our goal from day one has been to keep students in a face to face learning environment. Furthermore, we are wanting to do this while keeping teachers, staff, and students as safe as possible.

At this time, we will not provide remote learning as a district and we have no intentions of moving that direction. There could be situations where individual teachers collaborate with students and families to differentiate instruction in order to keep students caught up until being able to return to face to face. Below are some situations which could arise, and how we would approach them as we move forward.

- Staff Shortages- If Covid 19 numbers impact staff in a significant way, we may not be able to cover classes and will consider school cancellations. These cancellations would be handled the same as “snow days” and communicated in a similar fashion.
- Student Absenteeism- There have been times this year we have seen an increase in students impacted by Covid 19. As long as staffing levels allow, we intend to keep students in school and learning. If absences become a big enough concern, the district could close down individual schools, or the entire district.
- Snow Days- USD 423 has a total of seven “snow days” which can be utilized before we have to start making up the educational time for our students. We have some ideas how we could proceed if more time is needed. We will communicate that information if the time comes.
- Additional Professional Development Days- There could be times when USD 423 would use days for teachers to collaborate, work/plan, or receive professional development. This may give additional time for cases/contacts to complete quarantines, limit the spread within our schools, and/or give time for recovery.
- Keeping Students Caught Up- If we close schools due to sickness, we intend to use that day similar to our hybrid Wednesdays last year. Students could be pulled into our schools to receive educational services.

Our main focus at USD 423 is the safety of our students and staff. We appreciate your partnership and collaboration. Thank you for working with us.

Sincerely,

Cody Rierson