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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The School District continues to be in close communication with the Wood County Health Department and other agencies monitoring the current situation in Wisconsin regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are aware of the fact that there are as of the time of this letter, three (3) cases of COVID-19 that have been confirmed in Wisconsin and it is likely more will be diagnosed. At this time, none of the current cases have been confirmed in Central Wisconsin and we continue to work with the local Health Department to monitor this situation.

The District has reviewed and updated our pandemic plan. We are currently in the process of working to address the details in the plan associated with providing for off-site educational options, possible food service options and the many other details that would be associated with the plan should a prolonged school closure become necessary in the future.

If a school closure becomes necessary and it is longer than a few days (as directed by the Health Department), we intend to distribute and provide curricular materials to students and families where possible either digitally or in hard copy. Details on how this will be accomplished will be available and provided to students and families by grade level and school should it become necessary to take this step. Additionally, we recognize that this approach may not work for every student and family due to connectivity issues, special needs or other circumstances, as a result if it becomes necessary to implement this plan, we ask that parents reach out to their child(ren)'s school(s) to develop plans to meet your needs.

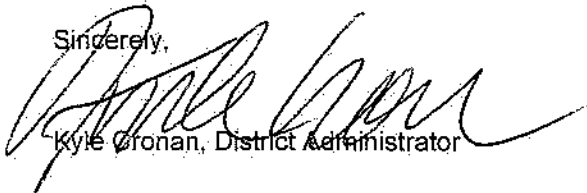
Should school be closed, there will be no after school activities—this includes both academic and athletic co-curricular activities. The approach described above will only be used if it becomes necessary to close schools for an extended period of time and specific details will be provided by grade level and school when and if it becomes necessary.

As a reminder, CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including COVID-19:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Help your students to wash their hands well
- Do not drop off your sick child at school
- Stay home when you're sick
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Additional details will be provided as they become available. While this approach (if necessary) is less than ideal, it will hopefully provide for some continuity of education programming. The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving and changing. We understand there is uncertainty involved in this situation. We plan to keep you informed as needed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the school response at 715-887-9000 or you can also contact the county health department at 715-421-8911 for questions.

Sincerely,



Kyle Cronan, District Administrator