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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are aware of the fact that there are now three (3) confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Wisconsin and likely more to come; none of the current cases are located in central Wisconsin at this time. Nonetheless, I felt it appropriate to provide another update regarding our planning. We continue to work closely with the local Health Department to monitor this situation and share information in a proactive fashion to enhance preparedness. We are working on a plan to provide off-site educational options, food service options, and other miscellaneous planning 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 necessary curricular materials to students and families digitally where possible. Details on how the materials will be accessed will be provided to students and families by the school their child(ren) attend.

We recognize that this approach may not work for every student and every family due to connectivity issues, special needs, and other circumstances; as a result, we ask that parents remain patient as we access on-site tech to be used at home and develop plans to meet your needs if accessing information and resources digitally is an issue.

Please also be aware that if schools are closed, there will be NO after school activities – this includes both academic and athletic co-curriculars.

The approach described above will ONLY be used IF it becomes necessary to close schools for an extended period of time (e.g. more than 3 consecutive days). Again, specific details on how you and your child(ren) can access educational materials will be communicated by each specific school when/if it becomes necessary.

One way you can help keep the lines of communication open is to ensure your contact information is up-to-date, including phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. in the Skyward Family Access system. Contact your school's office if you need assistance in updating any information. We recommend that you give some thought and planning for any potential childcare needs you might have should school closures become necessary.

Finally, a reminder that the CDC recommends "everyday preventative actions" to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Additional details will be provided as they become available. While this approach (if necessary) is less than ideal, it should provide for continuity of educational programming, thereby allowing the District to NOT have to make up missed days due extended school closures should they become necessary in the future.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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