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“Every Student, Every Day, Preparing for Tomorrow”

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Dear Rams Families,

I hope your holiday break went well and you were able to spend quality time with family.

Metrics Update

The latest AZ Schools Dashboard metrics show: Cases at 603/100K, Positivity Rate at 22.4% and Hospitalizations at 25.5%. These are the highest numbers we have seen since the dashboard data was introduced back in August. This puts Yavapai County in the “substantial transmission” category. Looking into the future, we do not see this data moving in a downward trend anytime soon.

Onsite Learning Opportunities

We want to encourage families to take advantage of our Onsite Learning Opportunities. This is an opportunity for students to have a safe place to learn, get assistance with their schoolwork and be able to have breakfast and lunch with us. Students can begin to arrive at 8:15 am at the parking lot in the back of the gym and our health aide will complete a temperature check while students are still in their vehicles. Students can be picked up at noon each day (as most instructional activities will be taught by then) or 2:25 pm if they need extended time. **STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR FULLY CHARGED CHROMEBOOK, POWER CORD AND EAR BUDS EACH DAY TO ONSITE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. IF YOUR CHILD STILL NEEDS A DEVICE (THEY WERE CHECKED OUT TO STUDENTS PRIOR TO BREAK), PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ARRANGE FOR PICKUP.**

Instructional Model

The CJSD governing board met last night in a special meeting to decide on our instructional model moving forward. They approved to continue with our distance learning model through the end of next week (Jan. 15th). During our regularly scheduled meeting next Tuesday, they will further discuss either a continuation of this model or moving into another model. I have, again, highlighted a hybrid model that has been discussed with our governing board, faculty and staff.

- Many districts have implemented a hybrid model where students attend school on alternating days with Friday being a distance learning day. This means the first group of students (half the student body) attends in-person Mon./Wed. while the second group (other half) completes assigned work virtually at home. On Tues./Thurs. the second group attends school in person, while the first group completes assignments virtually at home. Fridays are a distance learning day for the entire student body. The governing board may consider this option during its special board meeting.
 - Benefits:
 - It allows for true physical distancing as class sizes would be cut in half (students will be more spaced apart in class).
 - If a student does happen to come to school with a positive test result, then there will be very minimal (if at all) quarantining as students will not be within 6 feet of each other.

- This is an alternative to full distance learning, especially during a time where we are in a “substantial transmission” category.
- Drawbacks:
 - We know (just as distance learning was) this will be a burden on some of our families who are working during the day. We will, however, provide Onsite Learning Opportunities (OLO) for students to come if they need a place to work, including free breakfast and lunch.

Danny Brown, Superintendent