

*Update*  
*From Your Superintendent*  
*September 28, 2021*

*Important – New School Closing Information*

Dear Wildcat Family,

I am sorry to have to inform you that we will be extending our closure through the end of the week. **All buildings will reopen on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.** We still have concerns with the number of new cases that we are experiencing even with being closed. I contacted the Health Department for advice. I was told that to have the best chance of reopening and preventing another outbreak, we should remain closed until Monday. We will continue with our synchronous virtual learning in each school.

I know that this has been a hardship on many of our families. I realize that some of you are still waiting to get a hotspot to be able to connect online. I am happy to report that by the end of today, we should have a hotspot available for anyone who needs one. If you are unable to pick it up, we are able to deliver it to you; please call your school and request this from the office.

Elementary teachers are putting together packets of materials for their students that will be ready after school tomorrow (Wednesday). If you could pick it up on Wednesday after 2:30pm or anytime on Thursday that would be very helpful. If you are unable to pick it up, again, call the office and we will make arrangements to get it delivered to you.

When students return on Monday, we strongly recommend that they wear a mask. This is not a requirement to return to school. Wearing a mask prevents your child from having to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID. If your child is not feeling well on Monday, please do not send him/her back to school. I cannot believe how quickly this virus spreads.

I know many of you will be disappointed that we are not reopening on Thursday. However, we are doing everything possible to keep our students safe, healthy and face to face and following the Health Department recommendation is one more way to do this. The Health Department believes that the longer closure will help to break the cycle. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

*Shirley*