

*Update*  
*From Your Superintendent*  
*September 21, 2021*

*Important - School Closing Information*

Dear Wildcat Family,

With the recent decline in student attendance, as well as staffing issues due to health concerns, **Evart High School and Middle School** will be moving to synchronous virtual learning starting Wednesday, September 22 and ending Wednesday, September 29. (**Thursday, September 30 will be our first day back face-to-face**)

**Evart Elementary school will be open on Wednesday, September 22nd.** It is imperative that elementary students attend school tomorrow to receive chromebooks, and training on how to use them in anticipation of closing the school on Thursday. **Evart Elementary School will be closed from Thursday, September 23rd through Wednesday, September 29th.**

In order to count a day of instruction, we must have 75% of students in attendance. It is very important that students log on and attend virtual classes with their teachers every day that school is closed. **If we do not get 75% attendance, we will have to make up the day at the end of the year.**

I know this puts a burden on our families. However, we are doing everything possible to keep our students safe, healthy and face to face. We believe that closing school now will help to break the cycle of our high absenteeism due to positive Covid cases as well as the quarantining of close contacts. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

**Shirley Howard, Superintendent**