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November 3, 2020

Dear Barnum Staff/Community:

A case of COVID-19 has been reported in the Barnum Elementary School by the Minnesota Department of Health. Students and staff who interacted closely with the individual will be contacted by MDH and/or their local health staff. The district will be cleaning and disinfecting the rooms/school to control the spread of illness. **Reminder, the risk of exposure for other individuals present in the building on that date is no greater than the risk of contracting the virus in the general community.**

Due to the amount of Elementary Staff that must be quarantined, and for the length of time they must remain quarantined, the *Elementary only* will be switching over to Distance Learning (DL). This change is due to shortness of staffing in the Elementary. The High School, grades 7-12, will remain in their current Learning Model plan. **The following schedule will start immediately in the Elementary building only:**

Wednesday and Thursday, November 4-5:

- Staff work days (no students) to plan for DL in the Elementary only (not the High School).
- Current DL elementary students do not have school/instruction on these two days.
- No meals or critical worker childcare will be provided on these two days.

Friday, November 6:

- **Distance Learning begins** for all Elementary students; current DL students continue on their present plan.
- **Learning Materials** - pick up in the gym throughout the day on Friday 8:00-4:00; masks and social distancing required. We will use the same system as the spring. Enter through the main doors, exit through the gym door on the south side of the building.
- **Free Meals** and **Free Critical Worker Daycare** for K-6 begins.

Friday, November 6 - Wednesday, November 25: Distance Learning for the Elementary only (not the High School).

- **Free Critical Worker Daycare for K-6** - contact the elementary office at 218-389-6976 opt. 3 to register. Families need to turn in their registration form and documentation required for critical workers for childcare. To see if you qualify, go to: <http://isd91.org/covid/childcare/>. Students will enter through Door #5, main entrance next to Bomber Club entrance.
- **Busing for Childcare** - students who qualify for the critical worker childcare program can ride the bus to and from school on their normal route. Notify the Elementary office.
- **Free Meals Pickup** - If your student is in grades K-6 and would like to pick up meals, please contact the Elementary School office to register and for pick up times and days.
- **Technology Issues** - If you need assistance with technology issues that may arise with iPads, accounts, internet, etc., please contact Randi Lembke via email or phone (rlembke@isd91.org, 389-6976 ext 1117).
- **Questions?** - Contact the Elementary Office: Sheri Kolb or Lori Carlson at 218-389-6976, opt. 3.

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Friday, November 13: is still an inservice day, no students are required to report to distance or in-person learning on that day, and no meals or childcare on that day.

November 16-20: The Regional Planning Team, along with our local public health team, will do an evaluation at the end of the week to determine if the learning model at the Elementary School will be changed.

November 24: The Regional Planning Team's decision will be communicated with the staff, parents and community and any change would not begin until Monday, November 30.

Monday, November 30: The anticipated return to In-Person or Hybrid learning model. The decision will be based on monitoring localized public health numbers in consultation with our Regional Support Team.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus that is spread even before individuals show symptoms. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when a person coughs, sneezes, talks, sings, or laughs. Thus it is important for all students and staff members to closely watch for symptoms that are outside of their "normal," and to stay home if symptoms occur. Please contact your medical provider to request testing.

Please remember to slow the spread of COVID-19 by doing the following:

1. Stay home when you are ill.
2. Stay home when you have been asked to quarantine.
3. Wear a face covering when in public.
4. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
5. Stay home while awaiting results of a pending COVID-19 test.

Sincerely,



Mr. Mike McNulty
Superintendent