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Information Regarding Today's Early Dismissal/Closure

Why did LCCS decide to dismiss students early and close the doors for three days?

First and foremost; student safety. Our top priority is student safety, and that will not waiver at any time, especially during these challenging times.

We had four students test positive for Covid-19 on the morning of September 21st. This has the potential to impact many students, therefore we felt taking some time to contact those who were in close contact is the safest route.

When are students able to return to school?

At this time, the plan is to return on Monday, September 27th. You will be notified if this changes.

Will masks now be required?

Currently, masks are recommended. A special Board meeting would have to take place if we were to require masks. If a special Board meeting is scheduled, you will be notified. These decisions are often based on recommendations from the health department, therefore frequent communication with the health department on this matter is occurring regularly.

What grade level did the positive cases stem from?

The positive cases were from the high school. Currently, we do not have any positive cases in the elementary or middle school.

Who will contact me if my child was directly exposed to someone with Covid-19?

The health department will be contacting those who were in close contact. The health department is extremely busy at this time, so I cannot provide an accurate time frame on when you would get contacted.

Why wasn't I contacted today informing me of the early dismissal/closure?

We sent out a phone call, email, and text to all parents that are in our School Messenger system. Some parents/guardians received some form of communication, but not all. The system malfunctioned and a few parents were not contacted who usually are contacted through this system. We are currently fixing the issue so this does not occur again.

Will students be doing virtual learning the next three days?

No, virtual learning will not take place the next three days.

Will we have to make these days up later in the year?

Possibly. Districts are given six "forgiven days" (aka snow days) each year. If we exceed the six days, then days may have to be made up.

If we are closed beyond September 27th, will my child be expected to do virtual learning (zoom sessions with teacher, google classroom, etc.)?

Most likely, yes. I need some time to gather information from multiple individuals before I provide a firm answer on this matter. If we do go virtual (beyond 9/27), you will be contacted well in advance.

If we go virtual, will it be like last year in which students have to Zoom at certain times?

Yes. Students will be expected to log in and zoom at certain times to meet with their teacher(s). A schedule will be released (like last year) with exact times if we go virtual.

Will students who are enrolled in CTE courses be attending those courses?

No. They will not return to those courses until September 27th.

Are all K-12 athletics cancelled for this week?

Yes. All programs affiliated with the district are cancelled this week. Sports will resume on September 27th. If anything changes, you will be notified by the District.

Please call 906-484-2256 or email blohff@eupschools.org with any questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Bob Lohff
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