



The Hope of Our Country

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Elwood Families,

I want to start by saying thank you again to our stakeholders for a great first two days of school! The school board met today with administration, leadership from the Elwood Classroom Teachers Association, and the Director of the Madison County Health Department.

As I said this morning, we did see more positive cases from staff members than we anticipated, especially at Elwood Junior Senior High School. Based on testing dates, all of these staff members contracted COVID-19 prior to school starting. We are confident the plans outlined in our Roadmap Back to School for Families document are working. Below are our plans for the month of August broken down by building. Families that selected the eLearning option during the pandemic will continue with their programming as planned.

Elwood Elementary and Elwood Intermediate Schools

All students in grades K-6 will be doing eLearning on Wednesday's for the month of August. This will allow our staff time to prepare for the additional workload they are experiencing. Our custodial staff will use this time to deep clean the buildings. This will also benefit our students with eLearning should we be forced to close our buildings in the future.

Elwood Junior Senior High School

A few staff members at EJSHS were within close contact with a staff member that tested positive; however, no students were. Based on this, we are doing eLearning for all students in grades 7-12 the week of August 3rd. Starting on August 10th, students at EJSHS will be doing eLearning on Wednesday's for the month of August. This will allow our staff time to prepare for the additional workload they are experiencing. Our custodial staff will use this time to deep clean the building. Since no coaches or student athletes were within close contact, we will continue with our athletic programming.

Hinds Career Center

Hinds Career Center will continue to stay open five days a week. Students that need transportation on Wednesday's should contact Mr. Pearson.

Attached to this email are three documents for your review from the Indiana State Department of Health and the YMCA. Below is a brief description of each document.

- Screening Decision Tree- This document outlines the decision making process our school nurses use to determine next steps.
- Return to School Guidance- This document outlines the process for identifying when a student or staff member returns to school.
- YMCA Kidscape Registration- This is the registration form for the Elwood YMCA.

Our Food Service Department will continue to support families during these times. Students at EJSHS can pick up meals for the week on Monday, August 3rd, from 9:00am-10:00am. The pick-up location will be the same one we used this summer, Door 5 at Elwood Intermediate School. Since students won't be at school on Wednesday's during the month of August, we will send home breakfast and lunch on Tuesday afternoons.

I know this is frustrating to many of you and I apologize for the inconveniences. We want to keep our buildings open during the pandemic; however, the safety of students and staff remain our top priority. We will continue working collaboratively with the Madison County Health Department to assess data both in our schools and across the county. We promise to communicate regularly with you so you have as much time as possible to make plans. If you have any questions, please let me know or you can also contact the building principals. Their contact information is below.

Elwood Elementary- Mrs. Bev Groover: bgroover@elwood.k12.in.us

Elwood Intermediate- Mrs. Abbey Grondin: agrondin@elwood.k12.in.us

Elwood Junior Senior High- Dr. Troy Friedersdorf: tfriedersdorf@elwood.k12.in.us

Hinds Career Center- Mr. Jim Pearson: jpearson@hindsc.k12.in.us

Best,



Dr. Joe Brown