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Dear Kewaunee School District Families,

September 18, 2020

We are writing today to inform you that the Kewaunee School District has made the very difficult decision to move to Virtual Learning (Learning Model C) for the next two weeks. Virtual Learning will begin for grades PreK through 12 starting on Monday, September 21 and will run through Friday, October 2. Pending school and community metrics, school will reopen to in person learning on Monday, October 5 under Learning Model B.

There are specific metrics that assist us in determining the learning model that should be in place district-wide. District administration analyzes data regularly, while also consulting with Cindy Kinnard, Kewaunee Public Health and Dr. Kristen Powell, KSD Medical Director, in regards to present data trends. Due to the amount of spread occurring in Kewaunee County and the impact to our students, staff and families, we believe the most prudent decision is to go back into virtual learning.

It is important that the school community understands the following COVID-19 conditions in the Kewaunee area:

- Kewaunee County has 104 active cases with 209 pending cases
- Kewaunee School District has 5 staff members with confirmed positive cases and 7 staff members in quarantine. Some with test results pending
- Kewaunee School District has 12 confirmed positive student cases. Many of the positive cases coming in the last two days
- Kewaunee School District has 123 students that are quarantined as close contacts or are students showing symptoms of illness and therefore are quarantined
- As COVID 19 exposure continues to impact learning at the classroom, grade, school, or district level this decision to transition to Learning Model C is based on data, staffing availability and student and staff safety. Bottom line, today's decision is based on the most current information that is available to the District

Our Reality: The decisions we all make when out in the community impact the District's ability to keep students and staff at school for in-person learning.

- Wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, avoiding large group gatherings, and staying home when you or someone in your household is sick is critical
- Our Ask: Make sure that your student and your family are not engaged in COVID-19 transmission high-risk activities outside of school. Please continue wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing, avoiding large group gatherings, and staying home when sick

Our Commitment: We will continue to prioritize student and staff safety. We will communicate as quickly and as clearly as possible. We will do everything we can to accelerate learning and support our students no matter the distance.

- Attendance Matters-Students must login daily to participate in live or recorded lessons and complete and turn in posted assignments.
- Grading-As stated previously, we are continuing with our traditional grading scale.
- Technology has been distributed to KSD students to enable them to participate in virtual learning. [The Digital Learning Guide](#) will provide you additional guidance as we begin virtual learning. We understand that some families will require support with their access to the internet and should contact deshimanek@kewaunee.k12.wi.us to request a MiFi.
- Our staff, unless quarantined, will be working from school where they will continue to prepare and present high quality educational opportunities for all students via the Google classroom format.
- Teachers will engage students throughout virtual learning in Google Meets. Students will also have opportunities to interact with their peers during these virtual sessions.
- All athletic practices and games will be suspended during this period. These events will be postponed and rescheduled upon review of conference recommendations.
- We will continue to provide meal service to all of our students and children in our community. Please complete the [2020 Free Meal Sign Up form](#) if you would like to pick up weekly meals for your family.

We will continue to do everything we can to make our schools as safe as possible and to support our students no matter the distance. Your ongoing engagement and partnership continues to be critical and is most appreciated as we navigate the 2020-21 school year together. Please refer to [Kewaunee School District website](#) for ongoing updates and communications.

Sincerely,

KSD Administrative Team