



BOND COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

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Dear BCCU2 Families:

On Monday, November 9th, we move away from the hybrid A/B schedule and for students in grades 3-8 and move to 4 days a week of in-person instruction. We are ready and excited to have all of our K-8 students back together for in-person learning. As I've stated before, this decision was not taken lightly. It is a process of collaboration with our local health department, administration, and board of education. The focus has always been on balancing the educational needs of our students with the health and safety recommendations related to COVID 19. At this moment, our region and county metrics are less than ideal. At the same time, our students' educational and social/emotional needs are a priority. We will continue our cleaning and mitigation efforts and adhere to social distancing, to the greatest extent possible. We will continue to monitor local and regional health metrics to determine what is a manageable path forward for all of our learners. A decision regarding when our high school students will transition from A/B to 4 days a week will be considered this week for return on Monday, November 16th, 2020. This announcement will come no later than Wednesday, November 11th.

Extra-curricular opportunities are an integral part of our students' educational journey and growth. Our district continues to offer those opportunities to the greatest extent possible, within the parameters we are given from ISBE, IDPH, and the Governor's office. Recently, the IHSA announced they were moving forward with the high school baseball season as planned while IDPH moved basketball to a "high risk" category. This has left individual school boards (and the students and families they represent) in a tough spot. Bond CUSD #2 will be having a special board meeting on Monday, November 9th. Among other items, there is an agenda item to discuss basketball and what options our district has regarding the upcoming season. Until then, I have signed a letter, along with over 200 other superintendents requesting the Governor's office, IDPH, and IHSA work together towards common ground to find a safe way for our student-athletes to participate in the upcoming season.

I want to remind everyone that there will be no School on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's day. We are saddened we are unable to host our Veteran's Day program at the high school this year. Thanks to all those in our Bond County family who have served or are serving. We are indebted to you. We are more free and safer because of your service and sacrifice. Thank you.

This has been a tough week as you can see by our numbers below. Two Pre-K classrooms at GU pivoted to remote learning this week and will continue that format through the 13th of November.

Wes Olson, Superintendent

Dena Petrolina, Business Manager

Emily Laesch, Supt./Board Secretary

Heather McCleary, Transportation/Unit

Jennifer Mitchell, Payroll & Benefits/Unit

Michele Wade, Spec. Ed/Unit

BCCU #2 COVID Dashboard as of 11/05/2020

| | SES | PES | GES | GJHS | BCCU2 HS | KRP | DISTRICT TOTALS |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------------|-----|--------------------|
| Total number of Students | 106 | 150 | 487 | 281 | 547 | 113 | 1684 |
| Number of In-Person Learners | 91 | 126 | 405 | 213 | 431 | 105 | 1371 |
| Number of Online Learners | 15 | 24 | 82 | 68 | 116 | 8 | 313 |
| Total Number of Staff | 29 | 31 | 64 | 31 | 59 | 42 | 256 |

BCCU #2 District COVID-19 Totals as of 11/05/2020

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| Number of Staff currently quarantined | 24 |
| Total number of Staff quarantined since 8/1/2020 | 141 |
| Number of Students currently quarantined | 99 |
| Total number of Students quarantined since 8/1/2020 | 568 |
| Number of known positive Staff cases since 8/1/2020 | 34 |
| Number of known positive Student cases since 8/1/2020 | 39 |

Please help keep our community safe by adhering to the guidelines of distancing, wearing a mask, good hand hygiene, and keeping your children home if they are ill.

Please feel free to reach out to my office or your child's school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Wes Olson, Superintendent of Schools