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Blue Jay Families,

As we finish our third week of school I would like to say a big THANK YOU to each of you for your continued patience and grace as we do our best to provide a quality educational experience for our students. I know that stress levels are high as we navigate this unusual time, but please know that the Board of Education and I greatly appreciate the efforts that our employees, students, and parents are undertaking to make this as positive a school year as possible.

Clearly, we are beginning to experience life with positive cases among our employees and students - and the quarantines that come with them. As of now, we are still in a good place as a district to continue with five day per week, face-to-face learning under the yellow plan. We do want to be as transparent as possible with information related to positive cases, so we have developed our own 'dashboard' to track the number of active cases and the number of individuals quarantined among our student and employee populations. That dashboard can be accessed by hovering over the COVID-19 link on our district homepage, choosing COVID-19 District Case Information, and then clicking on the Case Information Page link on the top right of the page. Or, you can use the link below and bookmark the page for easy access.

<https://sites.google.com/mjays.us/mr1-covid19response/case-information-page?authuser=0>

Please note that this page tracks ACTIVE cases among students and employees - not total positive tests. This is a more accurate measure of the current impact within our district. Additionally, it will provide the current number of quarantines (health department mandated) in effect for students and employees.

This week we have seen an increase in both positive cases and quarantines, started deploying iPads to grades K-5, and initiated the relocation of chromebooks to grades 6-12. We have become aware that all of this information and activity, when combined, has generated concern and/or rumors of an impending move to our Orange or Red levels. I would like to dispel those at this time and say that there are no anticipated changes to our Yellow status in the immediate future. We continue to work to be prepared for any possibility and to be able to pivot from one level to another as quickly as possible. If the data should necessitate a change in status, we will make that notification as soon as practical.

One area of concern where we are going to request your help is related to transportation. We are already short on bus drivers, and any quarantines or positive cases among that staff could cause significant disruption to our ability to transport students to and from school. So, if you have the ability as a parent to provide transportation for your students, we are respectfully asking that you do so beginning next week. As a reminder, we have Blue Jay Care available for our K-5 students at their campus from 7 AM until classes start and from dismissal until 4:30 PM. Our hope is that this will reduce the number of bus riders so that, if necessary, we are able to combine routes and still provide quality transportation service to those that need them.

Beginning today, we are pleased to provide breakfast and lunch to ALL students free of charge as the federal government has extended the summer food service guidelines. This extension is through December 30 or as long as funds are available. If there is a change to this program, we will share that information as soon as possible.

We will continue to prepare for as many potential scenarios as possible - whether it be in transportation, instruction, food service, or any other aspect of our operation. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend,

David