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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The District strongly believes that our schools need to remain open for in-person learning. In order to do this safely, the following mitigation strategies will continue to be implemented:

- Masks being worn at all times except when eating
- Social distancing
- Daily cleaning
- Weekly COVID-19 testing for applicable individuals
- Test to Stay Program
- Daily monitoring of cases

In addition to the above, the District has handed out over 2,000 boxes of COVID-19 test kits (2 tests per box). We will be handing out an additional 1,000 boxes for any families who have not secured a test kit (a distribution schedule will be provided to you this evening). We are requesting that you use these tests if your child is ill or has been in close contact with an infected individual. We are hopeful this strategy will minimize the number of infected individuals attending school. The most common symptoms we are observing with this new COVID-19 strain are symptoms that resemble a head cold. Therefore, if your child is experiencing these symptoms or other COVID-19 related symptoms, please keep them home and get them tested.

As stated above, our number one goal is to safely keep school open for in-person learning. However, the increase in COVID-19 cases could cause a staffing shortage resulting in uncovered classes. We will be closely monitoring the situation and if it is determined that we do not have appropriate staffing levels, we may have to take an emergency day to determine our next steps. Therefore, we ask that you remain patient with us and request you have contingency plans in place just in case we have to make adjustments to our learning schedule.

You have been a great partner in this unpredictable journey. I am confident our strong partnership will get us through this next chapter.

Stay Panther Strong!

Sincerely,

Kevin Castle  
Superintendent of Schools

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