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Dear Parents;

COVID-19 has been within our communities and schools for awhile and we are trying to remain as productive as possible while knowing it is now a part of our daily lives. However at this time, COVID-19 is affecting our elementary school in an extremely negative manner. Over the past week we had numerous students and teachers out sick. Today, Friday, October 15, we had:

- Eight (8) teachers out of school, and seven (7) are out because they are sick.
- Two (2) paraprofessionals are out of school because they are sick.

There has never been a time in recent history that we have had so many teachers and paraprofessionals who are sick at the same time in one building. Also, we are not able to find enough substitute staff to help provide instruction and supervision for the students. Today Mr. Procknow has been able to find enough coverage by reassigning staff to teach in areas that they typically don't teach in, canceling certain classes, as well as he is subbing in a classroom himself. These types of arrangements are not sustainable over a period of time.

While we are waiting for test results of some staff, we are concerned that we will not have enough staff available to provide instruction for the coming days. We are hoping this will not be the case, but we are not sure at this time. We felt it was important to share with you what is occurring at the elementary school and that there may be a possibility that we will need to pivot and move to an online learning platform for a few days. If that becomes necessary, we will ensure that each student has a Chromebook to take home with them to continue their learning. Breakfast and lunch pick-ups will also be available.

Please note that this is just a precursory letter to share that online learning for a few days may be a possibility. If we do need to move toward that another letter will be sent along with additional information.

Sincerely,

Deb Hunt  
Superintendent