



NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Inspiring individual excellence, instilling diligence,
And initiating life-long learning.*

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Nestucca Valley Community,

Since my last letter on November 2, 2020, things have quickly changed in our community and state. This has instituted some changes in our school district and also reinforced the importance of many of the practices that we have been using.

Here is a quick rundown of some of the most pressing issues facing our school community.

COVID CASES IN NVSD- In our school district, we have had three students confirmed positive for COVID 19 in the last two weeks. These students are all in different grades and had students been attending using an in-person model, they would have ridden two different school buses and been in both school buildings. I think it is important for families to understand the implication of a positive confirmed case in a school setting. These three confirmed cases would have forced the school to direct an "at home" quarantine for: three teachers, 60 -80 students and two bus drivers for two weeks, under the current COVID 19 "Ready Schools Safe Learners" handbook. As a district, we would have been practicing all of the safety protocols, which lessen the potential for spread, but I wanted to alert you to how many families would be impacted by a positive case confirmation. This is why containing community spread is so important. You, your family and the district can do everything right, but one positive case confirmed in a school setting can impact 20-40 other people, disrupting the learning for two weeks.

FOOD SERVICE- We are requiring all people accessing our food service program to wear masks to pick up the food. Our staff appreciate you taking this precaution and beginning on Wednesday (November 18th), if masks are not worn by those waiting to pick up the food, the staff will not be dropping food at that site. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this effort.

INTERNET- A tower is being built in Beaver today, and three more up the Nestucca River this week. We have families connected to the tower in Hebo, and a new tower is up in Pacific City. Once again, if you are interested in accessing the internet system that the school district is working with the county to develop, please contact Jamie Carver at jamiecarver@nestucca.k12.or.us This process has taken much longer than we would have liked it to. Our apologies. Please know that all of the people working on this are doing their best to push this along as quickly as possible.

WEATHER CLOSURES- it appears we may have a wind/flood event tonight and tomorrow. While operating in distance learning model, weather delay and closures will work differently. There will be