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Ensuring learning, growth, and success for all.

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Fellow Dragons,

The community surge of COVID has started to affect us internally. We currently have 6 students and 5 staff members isolated due to lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 tests, as well as 195 students and 22 staff members in quarantine due to exposure to a positive COVID-19 case. Due to concerns of being able to continue district operations, as well as the concern for the number of quarantines among students and staff, number of positive cases, and number of those awaiting test results, **all De Soto Schools will operate in 100% remote learning Wednesday, November 11 through Friday, November 13.**

It is imperative that our staff members are healthy and are able to provide exceptional educational services to all students across our district. With the large number of staff currently in quarantine, maintaining appropriate staffing is a huge concern and has a direct impact on all facets of the district.

All students will be sent home with a meal today for Wednesday. Please fill out this survey (<https://bit.ly/d73meals>) if you would like to have breakfasts and lunches delivered to your house this Thursday for November 12th-16th. All meals are served at no charge. Please contact Sara Brinkman at 217-316-2125 with any questions or for assistance in signing up for meal delivery.

I realize this may put a burden on our families in terms of child care and thus wanted to inform you as soon as possible. Our hope is this time will slow the spread of illness and quarantine, so we can resume our regular schedule on Tuesday, November 17. Building administrators and classroom teachers will be providing additional information on required participation during remote learning.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to work through aspects of this pandemic. We will continue to evaluate our numbers on a daily basis and will plan to communicate to families on Monday, November 16 if this closure needs to be extended. Thank you for all of your efforts. Please continue to practice diligent prevention measures and continue to be ready for a shift.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Isaacson'.

Josh Isaacson
Superintendent of Schools