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Ensuring learning, growth, and success for all.

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Fellow Dragons,

Our goal has always been to keep as many students on site as possible throughout this pandemic. We recognize the importance of students being *on campus* for their learning, mental health and socialization, and structure and routine. We also recognize the importance of consistent school schedules for our working families.

As we indicated in our recent communications, due to concerns of being able to continue district operations with the needed number of staff members present, we have made the decision to switch to remote instruction beginning Friday, November 20. We will be in session Thursday, November 19 to allow our students and staff to prepare for the closure.

All De Soto Schools will operate in 100% remote learning on the following school days:

-Friday, November 20

-Monday, November 23

-Tuesday, November 24

(We are on Thanksgiving break from November 25-November 30, so school is closed on these days .)

-Tuesday, December 1 through Friday, December 4

At this time, our plan is to return to a remote learning day on Monday, December 7 and to onsite learning starting Tuesday, December 8. It is imperative that our staff members are healthy and able to provide exceptional educational services to all students across our district. Building administrators and classroom teachers will be providing additional information on required participation during remote learning. These remote days are school days and do require students to complete and turn in work. A communication regarding activities and athletics will be forthcoming from our Director of Activities/Athletics.

Meal delivery will be available for all students. All students in K-8 will be sent home with a breakfast and lunch on Thursday 11/19. High school students can order a meal using the Google Form that will be sent to them in their school email.

Meals will be delivered to homes on 11/24 and 12/1 between 10:30 and 1pm. Use the link below to sign up for meals but please make sure that someone will be home to accept the meals. As a reminder meals are available to anyone under the age of 18 and are free of charge! Please fill out this survey (<https://bit.ly/d73meals>) if you would like to have breakfasts and lunches delivered to your house. Please contact Sara Brinkman at 217-316-2125 with any questions or for assistance in signing up for meal delivery.

Thank you for your continued support as we work through aspects of this pandemic. Please continue to practice diligent prevention measures to help us all get back in school more regularly.

Respectfully,

Josh Isaacson