

November 12, 2020

Parents and Guardians,

We want to take this opportunity to say ‘thank you’ for making it possible for Glenpool Schools to remain open for the entirety of the first trimester. Under the circumstances in which schools are operating, it has been incredible that we have successfully navigated through twelve full weeks of school, without interruption.

This week the number of positive COVID cases and exposure quarantines has obviously increased as you know, based on the multiple daily communications. As a result of these increases, the district’s leadership team has had and is continuing to have very serious conversations regarding the next step.

With the district’s ability to move to virtual instruction, coupled with the numbers of students and staff who have been moved to quarantine this week, the decision has been made to pivot to Distant Learning for the week of November 16, 2020. November 16<sup>th</sup> is already scheduled as a district virtual day so this plan will add the remaining four days of the November 16<sup>th</sup> week as virtual days also.

The implementation of the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> as a virtual week, followed by the week out of school previously scheduled for Thanksgiving, will allow all staff and students who have been quarantined to complete their quarantine and be ready to return on November 30<sup>th</sup> when school resumes. By moving to virtual learning, families will be able to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday without concerns regarding quarantines and positive COVID results. The virtual week will continue all classroom instruction, schedules and learning requirements.

As district leaders, we understand that this decision will be applauded by some and will create child care and concerns for others. However, our primary focus has always been to place safety first. This week’s spike in positive cases and the resulting quarantines have led to this decision.

Your student’s teachers are ready to stay on track with teaching and learning and will be providing educational learning experiences and lessons throughout the virtual week of classes. Thank you for the support and encouragement that you will be providing at home while we navigate through this challenging time.

Virtual students will continue with their virtual instruction and will not see any changes in lesson delivery.

**Child Nutrition employees will be preparing and distributing breakfast and lunch daily through the drive by system at the APB from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

In season athletics will continue during distance learning. All safety protocols for games, practices, and events will remain in place. The expectation for students, staff, coaches, and parents to adhere to these guidelines will not change.

Finally, thank you in advance for practicing all safety measures and procedures throughout the upcoming two weeks. Those measures will play a key role in successfully continuing in-person learning following the Thanksgiving break as we move towards the winter break.

Sincerely,

Jerry Olansen, Superintendent

Glenpool Public Schools

