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November 3, 2020

Good afternoon Rush City Families,

Due to staffing constraints and increased rates of COVID-19, Rush City Schools will shift to Scenario 5, distance learning for all. This will take effect Thursday, November 5th.

In Scenario 5, CE Jacobson and Rush City High School will implement their full Distance Learning plans. All sports and activities will continue to be postponed until further notice. **Childcare will still only be available for children of Tier 1 workers and it will be at the High School.** Please refer to the [K-12 Reopening Schools Plan](#) on our district website for more details regarding Scenario 5. Preschool families should reference the Rush City Early Childhood Distance Learning Policies document Mrs. Thom shared. If you have questions after reviewing the plan, please contact your child's school office.

Many factors are considered when making these decisions. The following is a brief list of some of the main factors that influenced this decision:

- The 14-day County metric is climbing rapidly - as of today it's estimated to be 92.97
 - 50 was the threshold for distance learning when returning to school this fall
 - The rate is continuing to climb and exceed the threshold even if we exclude cases from isolated facilities.
- We have many students and staff out due to symptoms and exposures
 - This has caused challenges providing services within the buildings
 - As of this morning we do not have enough bus drivers to run all routes
- Our local, county, and state support teams are all concerned about the data
- Community members have asked for more notice. Considering Wednesdays are already distance learning, staff and families have a little more time to prepare

As previously mentioned, this Thursday, I will host a question and answer Zoom meeting at 5:00 pm. You may join by clicking on this [LINK](#) at the scheduled time.

It is our desire and intention to allow our students to attend in person as much as possible and as soon as possible. At this time we do not have an anticipated return date. Please know we will continue to collaborate with County and State officials, monitor school, local, and county data, and seek to shift to a less restrictive scenario as soon as possible. Please do your part to minimize the spread of COVID-19, and keep our students, staff, and families safe and well. Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we navigate these challenging times together.

Have a good evening,

Brent Stavig
Interim Superintendent