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Good afternoon Fairfield Families:

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this letter to notify all Fairfield families that the secondary (Grades 5 - 12) will be transitioning to virtual instruction starting tomorrow, Monday, December 7, 2020, and continuing through the holiday break, January 3, 2021 (hopefully a better year). The number of positive COVID cases for a 14-day period is at the level that requires us to transition to virtual learning, and unfortunately the number of positive COVID cases also continues to grow at the secondary level. Instruction will be provided virtually to secondary students (Monday is an all-virtual day, Tuesday/Thursday are "A" days and Wednesday/Friday are "B" days). This schedule will be followed till the holiday break on December 23rd.

Currently, the elementary (thankfully) has not had the positive cases and will continue with in-person instruction through December 22nd.

Athletics are permitted and will continue as long as possible with individual teams being quarantined when needed. To date, the wrestling team is quarantined through December 11th and the girls' Varsity/JV basketball is quarantined through December 15th. Boys' basketball (V/JV & middle school) and girls' middle school basketball will continue to practice this week. It is imperative that Fairfield families keep their athletes home from practice if they are showing any symptoms listed below. This will be the only way we can continue to sustain athletics.

Once again, we are asking all families and staff to please follow the CDC guidelines on staying home from school. We are trying to keep our elementary students coming to school for in-person instruction and not following the guidelines will impede in-person instruction for all.

The guidelines:

If you have 2 or more of the following symptoms stay home; headache, body/muscle ache, chills, sore throat, nausea, runny or congested nose.

If you have one of the following symptoms, stay home; fever greater than 100.3, new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty of breathing, loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea.

Lastly, if you were exposed to someone that tested positive for Covid-19 for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period you must quarantine for 14 days and no symptoms.

Please for the health and safety of all, follow the guidelines and stay home.