

U.S.D. 466

Scott County Schools

704 S. College Street, Scott City, KS 67871

Phone: (620) 872-7600 Fax: (620) 872-7609

www.usd466.com

To: Students, Staff, Parents, and Friends of Scott County Schools

From: Jamie Rumford, Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 15, 2020

Re: COVID-19, Coronavirus

USD 466 is keeping an eye on the progress of the COVID-19, or Coronavirus, outbreak. This situation is unprecedented and there are many new developments coming to us on a daily basis. The next few days will provide a lot of information and education on the best approach to safely prepare for students returning to school after spring break.

At the time of this message, the actions we plan to take this week are with the intent to return to school as scheduled starting Monday, March 23. During this week of spring break, we will be working to clean and disinfect all classrooms, vehicles, and equipment. We also plan to keep in contact with health professionals on suggestions to prepare for the return of our students. Cleaning and disinfecting efforts will continue after students and staff return during evening and weekend hours.

Once students and staff return, we plan to encourage the recommended personal hygiene steps that appear to have the best impact on reducing the spread of the virus. You are encouraged to practice these steps outside of school as well. They include:

- Washing hands for at least 20 seconds
- Coughing and sneezing into a Kleenex or handkerchief
- Staying home if you have a fever
- Clean and disinfect surfaces in your homes or other environments you attend

Guidance from the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org) is being provided to school officials on a daily basis via conference calls. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (www.kdheks.gov) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) are also valid resources. Locally, we are relying on www.scottcoemergency.com. There is a page called COVID-19 with helpful information.

Be cautious of what you read and post on social media as there is a lot of misinformation out there. As with all issues, USD 466 will not respond or react to complaints or criticism posted on social media. If you have concerns or questions, contact building or district offices via phone or email. We understand our response and actions to address this issue are subject scrutiny, so educate yourself on facts before spreading rumors.

Please understand that plans can change throughout the week. Communication will be sent out to you as more information is provided and plans are made. In the meantime, please take necessary precautions to stay healthy.

Regards,



THE MISSION OF USD 466, SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOLS
IS TO PROVIDE A WORLD CLASS EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS