

Updates and Information

Vaccinations

We have received approximately 140 vaccinations this week. The district has asked the County that any time there is extra vaccine to please contact the district so we can vaccinate as many people as possible. They are doing that which is helpful, but led to one problem. We may receive an email that is time sensitive. If this happens – don't panic. If you miss it, that is not the same as "declining" the vaccine. You will stay in the queue and not be moved back. You actually have to decline the vaccination two times in order to be put at the end of vaccinations. Hopefully, that will address some of the emails I have received.

Re Opening Plans

If you are in the secondary, please answer the survey about the Block and Traditional 8 period day.

Questions/Answers from the week:

- Can actions be taken against those that don't vaccinate and possibly infect people at work? No
- Can their insurance claims be denied? No
- How can we capture things the Elementary staff have been through and learn from it? I am calling the elementary FRs together on 2/16 to discuss elementary issues. This will be the first of many meetings to address some of these issues both short term and long term.
- Communication is an issue in the district, how can our union lead in improving them? Great question! I have been pushing for systems and protocols to be put in place. This is slow and tedious problem because how people view what "good" communication looks like. I think we have to start at the building level and go from there.
- Communication - too many higher up people, but no direct communication. Too many in between people, especially special ed. – Working on this as well. Brought it to Karla Bolleson regarding efficiency in what is happening between and building admin, SPED supervisor or a coach.
- Should safety issues be decided at building level or should it be a district directive? I believe it should be addressed at the district level, but application could look different at times within buildings.
- When secondary returns how will student trauma be addressed? There is actually a committee that is working on that. I don't know much more than that currently.
- Will elementary specialists be travelling once they are in person? I have not got the answer to that yet. Will continue to work on that.
- Many questions about face shields – I believe that a bulletin went out that specified expectations, but led to more questions. I have asked for clarification.

Thanks,

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