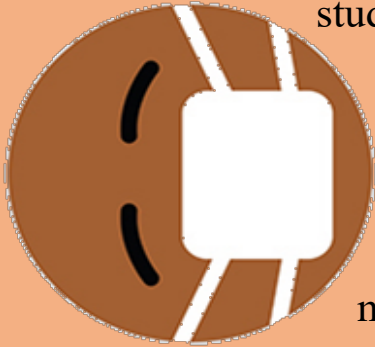


Dear Oiler Nation:

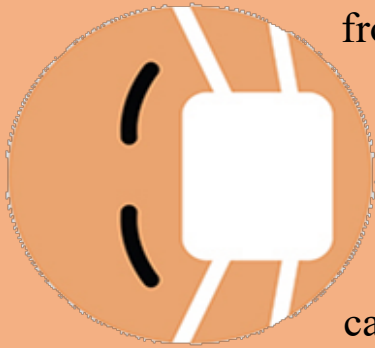
Beginning on Wednesday, December 2, we quarantined all 4th grade students due to exposure to COVID-19 in the school environment. Out of an abundance of caution and to better support our parents, we quarantined any siblings, as well. As mandated by the Mississippi Department of Health and CDC, we also conducted contact tracing and notified any other individuals who may have been impacted by this situation.



Let us all remember that we are, indeed, in a life-and-death situation. For three (3) days in a row, the state of Mississippi has recorded 2,000+ COVID-19 cases. This is evidence that there is widespread community spread throughout our state. Furthermore, Jasper County has recorded over 800 cases since the pandemic began.



If we want to keep our schools open and our community free from COVID-19, we ALL must do our part—maintaining proper hand-washing hygiene, wearing masks, and not socializing/gathering indoors, in large groups, and/or with people who do not belong to our immediate household. In other words, we all need to slow down, change our behavior, and start being more careful instead of careless. This is one time when we all must truly “Walk-the-Walk” and not just “Talk-the-Talk” to keep one another safe from harm.



We will continue to keep our families updated as situations arise and evolve.

Wishing you Love, Safety, and continued Protection,

Nadene Arrington,
Superintendent

