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Superintendent: Michael Davis

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To: CISD Family
From: Michael S. Davis, Superintendent
Concerning: COVID 19 Positive Tests of Employees

Dear Cushing Family,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that several CISD employees have tested positive for COVID 19.

I myself have tested positive, along with 7 others. All of our symptoms seem to be different. My symptoms are mild, much like a cold where others have developed pneumonia.

As of now, school is on track to start on August 24, 2020 for those that wish to attend in person. That said, please know that there will likely be more positive cases in the coming weeks, not just at Cushing ISD, but in schools across Texas.

We will do all that we can to keep your child free from COVID19, but as I myself know, it is certainly possible to get the virus. I have worn a mask and used hand sanitizer most everywhere I have been, but I still got it. The fact of the matter is, that mitigation strategies definitely slow the spread of COVID, but it will not stop it all together.

I do believe that me getting the virus will prove beneficial to the school in general because it has caused me to refocus our mitigation strategies to be in place by August 24, 2020. When I tested positive, I could not believe it. "I have been safe", I thought, but obviously, not safe enough. I want to make sure that we do all that we can to contain COVID, with an understanding that it may creep in regardless.

Once school starts, a positive test will result in shutting down portions of our school for cleaning. In some cases, we will shut down an entire campus and in other cases we may shut down the entire district. Technically, we must shut down areas in which the person who tested positive spent a substantial amount of time. This cleaning will be done as fast and as thoroughly as possible and we will start back to school as fast as possible. You will be contacted ASAP in the event of school closure.

You will also be contacted if your child meets the definition of "close contact" to someone who has tested positive for COVID 19.

In the meantime, you can stay informed by checking our District website and watching for K12Alerts.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely, msd