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Dear Knappa Community:

I am writing to update you on the Knappa School District operational plan in light of the current COVID-19 case numbers in Clatsop County.

This week, our County is in the **orange** zone with 117 cases per 100,000 over the last two-week measurement period and a 5.2% case positivity rate. This last week saw a slight reduction in the number of cases, but the rate is still high. Under these conditions, school districts must consult with the local health authority regarding school operational decisions. We have been in communication with them.

Based on the current level of case counts, ***we are electing to continue the current program, as is, until further notice.*** That means that K-3 students will remain in-person, grades 4-8 will remain in distance learning, and grades 9-12 will remain in hybrid instruction. This will be our status for the foreseeable future. When we have the opportunity to change, we will work to provide the community sufficient advance notice of the change.

Please make good decisions regarding safety as we continue to see higher case numbers in our community, in Clatsop County, in Oregon, and in the United States. Wearing masks, social distancing, and avoiding contact with extended others can help reduce risk. Right now, we are fortunate in the Knappa area that case counts remain low. ***Please remember if your student is sick, they must stay home. Staff must also stay home if they are sick.***

Finally, I want to thank the teachers and staff who continue to do a great job teaching and serving our community's children in these challenging times. They are doing their very best to provide quality education while also maintaining safety for our students. I am proud of them and what they are doing for our community's children.

All the best,

Bill Fritz, Ph.D.
Superintendent
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