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RE: Remote Learning Day, Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Dear Laker Families,

Greetings from the Schoolhouse, I hope you are doing well. It has come to our attention that a large number of Laker staff members (15+) will be receiving their COVID-19 vaccinations tonight after school hours. Given the likelihood that many of them will experience negative reactions to those vaccines and potentially leave us shorthanded in many classrooms, we have decided the best option is to move to a remote learning day for all DK-12 students tomorrow.

I know this is late notice and that the idea of remote learning can cause anxiety for many parents, so I want to share our goals for tomorrow. We are asking all staff to make it a light day of learning, with activities that have less new information and more reinforcement of prior learning. We will need students to check in and complete their tasks in order to count tomorrow as a day of instruction, but we will do our best to make those tasks manageable for all involved.

We're very thankful to have our students in school, and we intend to keep them here as much as possible. Having said that, we will monitor the reactions of our staff tomorrow to determine if they are able to return on Thursday. We also see another heavy vaccination day coming up on Friday, March 12, where we may have to adjust for potential staff absences again. We will keep you posted and will try to provide information on that by early next week.

We are not alone in this, and you will see other local districts taking similar steps as their staff members are called for vaccinations. There are so few substitute teachers available that losing multiple teachers on the same day makes it extremely difficult to cover the bases. We appreciate your ongoing patience and flexibility as we work through the unique challenges we're all experiencing.

Thanks again,

Brian Keim
Superintendent

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