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Dear Parents/Guardians

I wanted to give an update of what Seward Public Schools has been doing and our plan for the future. Please know that we continue to make decisions with the information that we have and that this information is changing every day, hour, and minute. We are taking our guidance from Four Corners Health, Nebraska Department of Education, CDC, and UNMC. As of today, Seward Public Schools will continue to have school. We will continue to monitor activities and communicate if changes are made.

Today at a press conference, the governor and state health officials discussed guidelines including the recommendation to have school until we reach one case of community spread within our area, or we approach one percent of our population having COVID-19. A case of community spread is when you have a person test positive for COVID-19, and you do not know where the source of the virus originated. If Lincoln would get one case of community spread, Seward and surrounding communities would be included in that definition of community. The length of time in which we would close is dependent upon guidance from Four Corners and other health organizations; however, the governor said to be prepared for 6-8 weeks of having schools closed. Our teachers had the opportunity on Monday and throughout this week to prepare instructional materials that are timely and relevant to their learning goals. In the event that school is closed, and we will be doing eLearning, students and parents should refer to their email regarding their learning for the day. Communication will also come from each principal to provide specific guidance for parents and students depending upon your child's/children's grade level.

As a reminder, students in grades K-8th grade who **do not have access** to a device, need to list your name, grade, teacher, and contact information through the survey that is located at <https://www.sewardpublicschools.org/>. We will communicate with you regarding how to access these devices if they are needed. We also understand that not everyone has access to the internet, so alternative plans are being made for those students who do not have internet access. We will follow our protocols and continue to communicate with families by email and phone using our One Call Now messenger system as well as our website to provide up-to-date information. We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if your son or daughter is sick, please have them stay home; all students must be fever free for 24 hours with no medicine before they can return to school.

It is important that we come together as a school community during this difficult time. I appreciate the flexibility and support of our students, staff, and parents during these uncertain times. We will continue to communicate once we know any new information.

Sincerely,

Josh Fields

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Superintendent