

WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



November 12, 2020

Dear Wilmot Community,

As many of you know, the School Board conducted a special board meeting last night and discussed the current pandemic as it relates to Wilmot Union High School. District Administrator Dan Kopp and members of the leadership team provided information on current practices and how multiple points of data impact the decision to close our building. The Board voted unanimously **not** to take the Kenosha County Health Officer's recommendation of an extended school closure from November 23, 2020, through January 4, 2021.

For the time being, we will continue on our current course of action as outlined in our original reopening plan. Though we rely on the Kenosha County Health Department for guidance, the decision to close our building and transition to an all-virtual learning model ultimately rests with the School Board and Administration at Wilmot Union High School. We continue to believe and to demonstrate that the protocols we have in place are effective at mitigating the spread of COVID-19 within our building. We also know that should we continue to see cases of COVID-19 within our building, even if those cases originate in our community and not in our school, that a building closure is likely to occur. It is our intent to continue to provide in-person instruction for our students and continue to utilize the protocols we have in place.

We are working to ensure that, no matter what occurs, we are ready to continue to educate all of our students. To plan for the possibility that we may need to move to all-virtual learning, and that this may occur without substantial warning, we may be sending additional instructional materials home with your student. This is not to cause panic and it is not an indication that we plan to close the school. Rather, it simply is an acknowledgment that the potential for building closures exists and we want to be ready to continue our educational programs with as little disruption as possible.

Please continue to be vigilant and follow best practices to keep our community safe. Remember that actions outside of the school impact our ability to provide in-person learning. Think carefully about socializing with people other than those with whom you live. Take care of yourself and others, as we each play a role in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

We are about to embark upon the holiday season which is typically a social time for many of us. Be mindful of your own social gatherings and the need to adhere to the health and safety guidelines set by the CDC and the Kenosha County Health Department. Reconsider some of your family's activities in light of the locally increasing positivity rate.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and district.

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