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**RE: Plans for potential COVID 19 outbreak**

North Kansas City Schools is working closely with the Clay County Health Department regarding plans and monitoring of the COVID 19 virus. The school district will take direction and guidance from the health department on the response measures; however, the district is preparing by taking the following actions:

- Due to the high rate of influenza this season in our schools, precautions are currently being taken to prevent the spread of influenza including communicating with staff and parents of students who attend schools with high rates of influenza as well as providing recommendation on how to control the spread of illness and what to do when you are sick.
- The purchase of a whole room/building decontamination system that will kill viruses and bacteria on contact.
- An increase in hygiene reminders for students including hand washing before and after meals and covering noses and mouths when sneezing.
- Prior to the cancellation of school, if the health department is recommending the cancellation of mass gatherings, the district will consider what activities need to be cancelled and communicate with parents and students.
- In the event that the health department is recommending the closing of schools, the district will communicate with parents utilizing the normal methods of communication.
- The District is exploring the use of the one-to-one devices as a way to conduct tele-school and also exploring options for families who do not have access to stable WiFi.
- The Coordinator of Health Services for the district has attended and will continue to attend planning and informational meetings with the health department.

- In accordance with district policy: in the event of a pandemic or other emergency, school counseling staff will assist with personal and emotional issues. The district's crisis intervention plan will include methods for continuing counseling support even in the event of a long-term school closure.
- Also, in accordance with district policy, a crisis intervention plan exists to help school district administrators and faculty deal effectively with crises that could interfere with the normal daily operation of the school.
- The Health Services Coordinator maintains checklists provided by the CDC/DHSS to be utilized for pandemic influenza planning which we are reviewing.

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