

Dear River Bend Families,

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As part of the educator group 1B, many of the staff in River Bend have received their first vaccination. Those who got their first vaccine had sore arms. The second dose of the vaccine has been more potent and may cause a variety of side effects for various individuals. We have learned from other school districts who got their 2nd dose on Monday Feb. 15th. The impact of the second dose varies greatly per individual. However, it seems that in general about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of staff have the biggest impact from side effects the day following the 2nd vaccination shot. A small percentage of staff needed two days to recover.

Around 50 River Bend Staff will be receiving their second dose of the vaccine on Saturday, February. 27th and about 17 staff members will be getting their 2nd dose on Wednesday, March 3rd. The District has made plans to accommodate the staff getting the vaccine. However, our plan is based on estimating who may or may not be impacted and the availability of arranging substitute teachers.

We want you to know that a need for remote learning may be necessary if our staff need additional support after getting their second dose of the vaccine. **The following will only be necessary if required.**

**Monday March 1st-** Two days after receiving the second dose. The District will arrange for retainer substitutes to cover teachers that may need an additional day to recover. If our need is greater than our substitute availability families will be notified via our messaging system on Sunday, February 28th about remote learning for PK through 8th grade. Fulton High School will be on-site as they have only a small number of staff getting the vaccine.

**Thursday March 4th-** Day one following the vaccination on Wednesday. Substitute teachers will be prearranged for the staff getting vaccinated on Wednesday. In the event that substitutes cannot be arranged, Fulton High School only will use a remote learning day on Thursday, March 4th to assist those teachers who may have side effects following their vaccination on Wednesday. Fulton Blended Pre-School, Fulton Elementary School and River Bend Middle School will be in session as they do not have as many staff getting the vaccination. A determination for needing a remote learning day for Fulton High School on Thursday, March 4th will be determined by Wednesday, March 3rd so that students and parents can be notified.

Our hope and plan is to have students on site both days following the two vaccination days, However, it is important that staff, families and students are all aware of the need for remote learning days to manage the side effects of the 2nd vaccine dose.

Gratefully,

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