



NOB NOSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Date: 1-13-2022
To: Parents/Guardians and Staff
From: Jerrod Wheeler
RE: Knob Noster Schools Closed January 14 & 17

Dear Knob Noster Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, illness and absenteeism related to COVID and other non-COVID related issues is taking a toll in our community. Earlier this week, we made the decision to close Whiteman Elementary as a result of these issues.

We have continued to monitor our other buildings this week. Based on our absenteeism and health-related absences that we have seen in other buildings, we have made the decision to close all school facilities tomorrow, Friday, January 14, 2022. At this time, we do not anticipate making this day up and we will not provide virtual learning on this day.

The intent of this shutdown is to allow our students and staff a day of rest and in some cases a day of recovery from illness free from any additional responsibility. If your household is healthy or if you are experiencing illness, we encourage you to prioritize rest for your family over the weekend break.

As a reminder, tomorrow is a “down day” for Whiteman AFB, and Monday is a holiday. Accordingly, this decision will provide a continuous four-day break for most of our families.

During this period, we will cancel activities, based on the condition of the students participating in that activity. At this time, we will cancel MS basketball and HS basketball, beginning tomorrow through Sunday. Other events are scheduled to occur based on the current health condition of the team. Any additional closures will be announced.

We will monitor developments over the next four days to determine if an extension to this break is needed. At this time, we intend to be back in session as normal on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Tomorrow will mark the first time in which we have closed our district since COVID began in March 2020. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause your family. As always, we appreciate your ongoing partnership and communication. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to reach out.

V/R,

Jerrod Wheeler, Ed.D.
Superintendent