



NOB NOSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Knob Noster Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to follow up on the memo sent yesterday regarding the district's response to the Cole County Decision related to Covid. In that memo, I attempted to elaborate on the district's ongoing response to the various directives that have been handed to us by various agencies of authority over the last two years. I attempted to make clear that we carefully evaluate all guidance before implementing any changes. I also attempted to make clear that the district is making **NO IMMEDIATE CHANGES** as a result of the Cole County ruling. This cautious response is consistent with our ongoing approach to evaluate all guidance before acting.

I am writing to further clarify the messages of that memo and the district's position at this time, in response to several questions which have been received:

1. **NO CHANGES** for district operations on Whiteman AFB have occurred as a result of the Cole County decision. All district activities on Whiteman AFB continue to be subject to the guidance of Public Health and the Department of Defense. Whiteman AFB is a federal property that is subject to federal guidance. Knob Noster Public Schools operates Whiteman Elementary School in alignment to their guidance.
2. **NO CHANGES** have occurred as a result of the Cole County decision for all other district operations as a result of the Cole County decision. All district activities, excluding activities on Whiteman AFB, continue to be subject to the guidance of Johnson County Community Health Services, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Knob Noster Public Schools will continue to endorse their guidance and enforce the current mandates handed to us.
3. **NO CHANGES** have occurred to our board-approved Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan which is published on our district website. The components of this plan are **REQUIRED** for the district to be eligible for nearly \$2 million in ESSER III funding, including:
 - A. Enforcement of the CDC mandate for the use of face coverings on school busses.
 - B. Endorsement of the CDC guidance for contact tracing and quarantine.

The district will continue to evaluate any implications of the Cole County decision, specifically as it relates to:

1. Any changes that may be made to our current practices as a result of this decision.
2. Any conflicts that may exist related to federal requirements for ESSER III funding, which the district is aligned to receive.

Should any changes occur following full and careful evaluation of the Cole County decision, the district will notify you in advance of implementing those changes.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please email me directly at jwheeler@knr8.net so that I may respond to you. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

V/R,

JW