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Greetings,

The COVID pandemic continues to be unsettling and challenging for our communities and our country. Delta County School District (DCSD) works diligently in collaboration with Delta County Health Department to monitor local health conditions. We value our working relationship with the Delta County Health Department to monitor COVID cases within our School District and if needed to quarantine students, staff, cohorts, and/or schools to maintain the health and safety of our school communities. At this time, we plan to continue in-person learning at all levels of instruction and operations.

The safety and health of our staff is of the utmost importance as we navigate this COVID pandemic. Thank you for following all the appropriate health protocols, including maintaining social distancing, wearing a mask, and frequently washing hands, and limiting social gatherings to your household. I know that all staff members are having to juggle a lot while focusing on student learning, safety, and our individual families. The staff of DCSD has done, and is doing, an amazing job supporting the educational needs of students and supporting each other during this pandemic. Please remember to take care of yourself physically, emotionally, and spiritually. If you need to talk to someone or need support, please let us know. We care about our DCSD family.

When DCSD learns of a positive COVID case is identified we follow the process of informing the student(s) or staff that need to know about exposure and case(s) while strictly adhering to the health standards and guidelines set forth by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Because of HIPPA policies, we try to protect the identities of students and staff involved in possible infections. The small size of our schools and communities makes it increasingly difficult to protect those identities. Positive cases are reported through the Delta County website.

At this time, we feel the best place for student learning is in our schools with the support and guidance of our staff. In the event we would need to transition to a hybrid or distance learning model at any of our Delta County Schools, we will give advance notice and we are confident that our staff will be prepared to support our students through their education.

Kind Regards!

Caryn Gibson

Superintendent

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