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Dear Gordon-Rushville Families,

With the area's risk dial continuing to reflect an increased spread of COVID-19 and currently in the Orange Risk Level, it is important for parents and community to know that **the District has no current plans to move to a hybrid, alternating day, or online environment.** The district will continue with face-to-face instruction. This decision has been made with the support of our Board of Education and Panhandle Public Health District.

While in the orange level we will continue to hold school five days a week as normal relying upon our current precautions including mandatory masking in all buildings. Should severe local conditions ever warrant any reductions in the school day or move to alternating days, for example, this decision would only be made with the support of our Board of Education and/or direction from State authorities. Additionally, such a decision would be made in collaboration with information from Panhandle Public Health.

As of now, our strategies have proven to be effective in preventing any spread or multiple quarantines due to contacts within the school day on school grounds. While athletic activities continue to be the most challenging environment, our coaches have also been very successful in minimizing any further quarantines. It would also be very helpful if parents would prescreen their children before sending them to school, and if they are not feeling well, keep them at home. The District's Back to School Plan has been updated on our web page to reflect current conditions and will continue to be reviewed as circumstances warrant. We appreciate the cooperation of students, parents and community.

Sincerely,
Lori Liggett, Superintendent

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