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Good evening Falcon Family,

In our pursuit to provide the best possible education for our students, we have determined that Veribest ISD will suspend the District's current remote learning option effective Friday, October 2, 2020. All current remote learners may, and are encouraged to, begin returning to school as early as tomorrow, September 30, 2020. Please note that all students will be required to report in person no later than Monday, October 5, 2020.

The District is making this general suspension of remote learning with one exception. The District will offer remote learning to any student that is ordered or required by a physician, local healthcare official, or the District to quarantine because such student is either: (a) test-confirmed to have COVID-19; (b) currently experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below); or (c) has recently been in "close contact" with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. Such "close contact" determination will be made by a physician, local healthcare official, or the District. In the case of a district-wide COVID-19 outbreak, our teachers, staff, and administrators are prepared to transition immediately to remote instruction for all students.

Research shows that education is most effective when students are served on campus in person. Data also proves that students are far more likely to succeed and meet the requirements for advancing to the next grade level or graduating when they attend in person. State truancy laws requiring a minimum of 90% student attendance are still in effect.

Veribest ISD will continue to follow all COVID-19 guidelines and encourage all staff, students, and visitor to do the same in order to ensure the safest educational environment possible. Since our school year began, the district and community have demonstrated that by all of us following protocols and practicing safety measures we are able to be together in person safely and we continue to see improving results.

Thank you for your continued support in the education of our students. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

Ryder Appleton (electronic)

Ryder Appleton
Superintendent of Schools

COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting