

Granton Area School District

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Granton Area School District Families and Staff:

I am writing to give you an update regarding the school district's efforts in providing instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We remain committed to offering in-person learning as much as possible, and we very much want to keep our schools open. However, the number of daily cases of staff and student absences due to COVID-19 continues to rise, and we are experiencing more and more operational challenges as a result. Due to close contacts and some COVID positive cases, several of our staff have been unable to be at school with students. Substitutes for staff have been in short supply but we have thus far been able to fill the gaps. Based on how this pandemic is trending, it appears likely we will be experiencing increased absences over the next several weeks.

Due to these concerns, I wanted to alert you to the fact that a school-level or District closure and shift to Virtual Learning may be in our future. Therefore, I encourage you to begin planning now for your child(ren), so you are ready in the event the school district needs to shift to a Virtual Learning environment.

Lastly, beyond the previous recommendations of handwashing, mask-wearing, and maintaining social distance, I highly encourage you to avoid having your child(ren) attend social gatherings. This would include in-home get-togethers such as play dates, birthday parties, sleepovers, and any other social events. If we are to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our schools open, we need to do more to avoid close contact with one another. The ability to continue in-person teaching and learning depends on it.

Thank you for all your support and understanding as we work through these challenges together.

Stay safe and healthy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Kuchta".

James Kuchta, Ed. S.
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