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Dear Families,

I want to say Thank You to our parents for recognizing safety measures with our educational process. I know its hard work and we understand parents have a very difficult job. It's not easy, and our staff is working hard doing their best to do whatever we can to help our kids succeed. Teachers are relegated to computer screens, teaching to students in the classroom, sending homework home and reaching out to sick or quarantined students. Presently, we have our grades 2-12 eating lunch in their classrooms to prevent large gatherings and close encounters which spreads the COVID virus. It is unfortunate that we do not have a separate high school building and elementary building so students could eat in a shorter time period. What we are presently doing is working, so we want to extend the time of eating in classrooms and close encounters until December 22 or until our COVID numbers get much better. Quarantines and positive virus cases of students are high in our school, and this is hard on the educational system and attendance. This is the reason we need to extend our safety measures. To do this we need to shorten the school day by 15 minutes, exactly like we did last year. Our day will end at 2:52 rather than 3:07. This will begin on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Everything else will stay the same.

Educating children is our job, Thank you, Parents.

## For questions please contact the district office: 218-563-2900

As always, our priority is the safety and well-being of our students and employees.

We will continue to keep you informed as we navigate COVID-19.

Sincerely, Randy Bruer, Superintendent