



Axtell Community School

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Parents:

This letter is to inform you of the awareness Axtell Community School has of the Coronavirus and some very tentative plans we would implement if the Nebraska Department of Education would allow instruction to continue during an extended school closure. This letter is by no means meant to scare anybody, but in fact only intended for communication and awareness purposes.

The Commissioner of Education, Matthew Blomstedt recently began online meetings with all school districts in the state of Nebraska. These meetings will continue to take place on Sunday afternoons until this situation is over. As you may know, several school districts in the eastern part of the state have closed for an extended period of time. Fortunately, there have been no reports of Coronavirus reported in central Nebraska at the time this letter was written. We are in constant contact with neighboring school districts to monitor this situation. Finally, as with any procedure, it is subject to change based upon direction given by any state or federal agency.

At this time Mr. Schwartz and I have reviewed our procedures and are confident that we are prepared to respond to any situation that may arise. Also, Mr. Schwartz and I are discussing different ways to educate your child if the Department of Education will allow off campus or online education towards the instructional time requirement established annually by the Department of Education. Some possible ways to educate your child during this time could be emailing schoolwork home, YouTube, Schoology and/or Zoom, or if necessary we can mail schoolwork home as well. If the Department of Education does not allow on-line instruction to take place during school closure, we will have to make up days at the end of the school year to meet the instructional time requirement. I would like to encourage parents to recognize flu type looking symptoms such as fever, difficulty breathing, and coughing. Keep your student home and report these symptoms to Vicky Olson as we are creating a simple data base for our own records. We will provide plenty of opportunities for our students to wash their hands and use hand sanitizers along with the cleaning of desks and classroom furniture at the end of the day.

In conclusion, this letter is to put your mind at ease that both Axtell Community School and the Nebraska Department of Education has your child's best interest at heart and through this situation we will do our best to educate your child. We encourage you to remain informed about the coronavirus by visiting the website for the Department of Health and Human Services.

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Sincerely,

Rob Gregory, Superintendent