

September 18, 2020

Dear Bulldog Families,

Thank you for participating in the recent survey regarding your experiences with Remote and APS Virtual learning. That feedback has helped us make decisions about successful practices we need to continue as well as those that need to be changed or replaced. We hope you have seen the results of that feedback this week and that things continue to improve each day. Watch for a follow-up survey in the coming weeks. In the meantime, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or principal with any questions or concerns. District administrators are also available as needed.

Yesterday we unfortunately learned that Eddy County does not yet meet the criteria for a return to Hybrid learning. According to the department of health data, the county currently is exceeding the average daily case count and test positivity rate thresholds. The links below will take you to the current map and graph. We will be prepared to enter Hybrid learning when we are able to, and we hope that is soon. We know the best place for learning is in school but appreciate your continued efforts to make Remote learning as successful as possible. If you are having a hard time motivating your child to participate, please let us know. We can help! We don't want any child to feel there is no hope and no reason to keep trying.

Based on feedback from teachers and parents, we will be bringing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in for some in-person learning starting on Monday. Once we do so, please know that we are enabling any student allowed under the rules of the Governor's office and public education department to participate in some in-person learning. We are doing so safely, and we will continue doing so for additional students as it is allowed.

Please remember that we are now able to feed all children ages 1 to 18 with funding from the USDA—hopefully until the end of December. If you have not already done so, be sure to fill out the application for free and reduced price meals. The application is available on our website at bulldogs.org or at any school office. Children not attending school in-person may get their meals on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 1:00 at Grand Heights, Central, Hermosa, Roselawn, Yeso, or Artesia Junior High.

Finally, we want to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our amazing employees including our teachers, coaches, directors, educational assistants, custodians, food service workers, bus drivers, counselors, social workers, nurses, technology and office staffs, and administrators. I am blessed every day to get to work with them. I know many of you see their efforts, too, as they help your children be successful.

I invite you to use the "Tate Branch SUCCESSmaker" button above to tell us about a staff member of staff members who are being "SUCCESSmakers" for your family.

Please cover your face when you're out and about, practice social distancing as much as you can, and don't forget to let others know It's Great to Be a Bulldog!

Sincerely,

John Ross Null

[Updated County Map and Graph](#)