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Dear Parents:

We've made it to Harvest Break! As most of you know, the junior/senior high school students did remote learning today due to the large number of students having to quarantine. We have had a total of 5 positive COVID cases in each building, none of which emanated from the schools.

Please let Poppy York, our district nurse, know if your child develops COVID or has to quarantine during harvest break. It is critical that this information be shared so she can keep track of important timelines. Feel free to email her with relevant information at pyork@sad42.us

When we return from harvest break, we will be implementing pooled testing. An informational letter was posted to the district website and Facebook page yesterday, and more detailed information on pooled testing will be forthcoming after break.

Lastly, I want to share a new communication tool that will be available after harvest break. We will have a COVID Dashboard on our district website that will list the number of active COVID cases in the buildings, the number of students quarantining, and other relevant information. This Dashboard will be updated weekly and will serve as the primary resource for communicating COVID data.

When we return to school on October 12th, students in grades 1-11 will be involved in NWEA testing. The Department of Education requires fall testing for all students in grades 3-8 and 11; however, we will be including other grades in an effort to inform our instruction and check on student achievement and growth. More information will be available when school resumes.

I wish you all a safe and healthy harvest break. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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