February 12, 2021

USD 345 Staff and Families:

I have some very important updates to share with our school community.

## Monday's Inclement Weather - School Cancellation

Due to forecasts of extreme wind chill conditions, there will be NO SCHOOL for USD 345 on Monday, February 15, 2021. Monday will be our first snow day of the school year and will be treated as a traditional snow day (no school for on-site or remote learning). All school activities scheduled for Monday will be cancelled.

## **Transition to Full On-site**

We are excited to announce our plan to return all students (with the exception of Family Choice Remote Learning) to a full on-site learning environment. On Monday, February 22 all Seaman Middle School students will transition to full on-site five days a week. On Monday, March 15 all Seaman High School students will return to full on-site five days a week.

It has always been our goal to bring students back as quickly and as safely as possible. With quarantine numbers and positive cases trending down in the county and our school community, we feel we can safely bring all 7-12th grade students back while keeping most of our mitigation strategies in place. Social distancing will be compromised in many areas but masks will continue to be worn at all times with the exception of breakfast and lunch. We will have assigned seats to help with contact tracing during these times. Bus riders will also be riding two per seat as routes begin to transport more students. All other mitigation strategies will remain in effect. Click below to find the updated school year calendars.

Elementary
Seaman Middle School
Seaman High School

Preschool and elementary schools will continue in the full on-site learning environment with elementary early release Fridays scheduled to continue through March 5.

## **School Personnel Vaccination Information**

The Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) announced that all school personnel who registered will receive their first dose of the COVID vaccine before spring break. We have received word that our first date for staff vaccines will be Monday, February 15. We will receive a limited amount of doses for our district on Monday and additional dates/doses will follow.

I am so happy to be sharing news on vaccinations and the transition to full on-site learning. Our staff has worked tirelessly to create the best possible learning experience for our students during the pandemic but we know our kids learn best when they are receiving direct instruction

from our teachers. We are excited to move in this direction of normalcy and will continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff, and community during this transition.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Noble Superintendent