

August 28, 2020

Mount Vernon Families:

As we begin the school year and continue to deal with the challenges brought about by the continued presence of COVID-19, I will communicate with you on a regular basis as to the impact of COVID-19 on our students and staff. I will be as transparent as I can while also protecting the confidentiality of those who have tested positive or have possibly been exposed to the virus. As of today, we have received no reports of any students who have recently tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, no staff members have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. However, some staff members are currently in quarantine based on possible exposure to family members who have tested positive, or who have potentially been exposed to the virus. These staff members are awaiting testing of they and/or their family members to determine next steps. Our nurses are in constant communication with Linn County Public Health to help manage these cases, and no staff member will be allowed to return to work until being fully cleared by Linn County Public Health.

We are looking forward to getting the school year started on Monday. If we all do our part with the wearing of face coverings, maintaining social distancing, and engaging in good hygiene practices, we will increase our chances of keeping everyone healthy in our schools. Have a great weekend!

Dr. B.