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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Return to School
Contact(s):
Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent
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Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action

Board information or scheduled report

Background Information

COVID Data

The posted COVID Data Sheet shows data as of April 12th. This sheet will be updated on April 19th after the weekly meeting with county officials.

Shortened Quarantine

At the regular meeting in March, there was discussion about the possibility of enacting shortened quarantines for students. The COVID Response Team prefers staying with the current 14-day quarantine standard. However, if quarantines are shortened for students, the recommendation is to use a 10-day quarantine if there is a negative PCR test on or after the 5th day. Additional information is included as an attachment.

Threshold for Moving to Distance Learning

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends reviewing learning models if 5% of a school's population is positive or showing symptoms of COVID. Our COVID count is less than the threshold. The COVID Response Team and Superintendent review rates on at least a weekly basis.

RWHS Mitigation Strategies

The COVID Response Team, high school administrators, and I met on April 13th to discuss mitigation strategies at the high school. Topics included quarantine rules, surface cleaning, one-way hallways, seating charts, desk removal, enforcement of the mask policy, lunchroom set-up, and coffee shop.

Recommendation

There are no recommended changes to the length of quarantine expectations or learning models at this time.