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Dear School Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce an extension to our closure. We had truly hoped that 5 days away would clear up any “normal” back-to-school illnesses, but it has not. Based on our survey today:

Students Accounted: 219 out of 258

Students showing symptoms: 19%

Positive Cases: 6%

Employees showing symptoms: 15%

We met remotely as a COVID Response Team and communicated with the Cherokee County Health Department for making this tough decision. The decision was made based on the data gathered, the fact that quarantine time is generally 10 days, and with full support from the Cherokee County Health Department.

We will return to school on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Administrators will be available remotely this next week in order to continue to have the meetings that were already planned with parents. If you have meetings planned, we will have these remotely. Administration will be in touch tomorrow.

I will be working this week to get everyone up-to-date on any calendar changes.

We know that is a hardship, and was the last thing we wanted to do. We hope that this time away will allow students and employees to heal.

Tina Glover will be available tomorrow from 1-3 pm for COVID-19 Rapid testing by appointment only. Please email her at tglover@wells.esc7.net to make an appointment. We are also working with the Cherokee County Health Department to provide additional testing and vaccination availability in our community.

Sincerely,

Jill Gaston
Wells ISD Superintendent