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Bokoshe Staff, Students, and Community:

Wishing you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Week with friends and family from Bokoshe Public School. We have been fortunate to have been able for the most part to carry on face to face education as we strive to stay ready for a closing. I cannot express how grateful I am for the way our staff, students, and community have stepped up and worked in whatever way necessary to keep our school operating in a way that is most beneficial and safe for all of our students.

As we all know, this school year has not been without its ups and downs, especially as we adapt to the constantly changing situation with COVID. In this time of Thanksgiving, let us also continue to remember and lift up those who have suffered loss and are facing a struggle to get through.

At this time, we are planning on returning to school on Monday, November 30th. This is also a time when COVID cases are spiking. If we look at the calendar, we have 12 actual days of school before we begin the Christmas Break. For those 12 days, we need to keep ourselves and our students safe by stepping up our level of awareness and be sure to wear our masks and stay socially distanced. Take the common sense measures that are necessary to stay well such as taking temperatures, washing hands and utilizing the hand sanitizers. Students and staff who do not feel well and are running a temperature over 100 degrees should not come to school. If you are at school and start feeling ill, please inform the office so arrangements can be made to send you home. The gym and the school restrooms and locker rooms have been cleaned and sanitized as has the rest of the school and classrooms. Students are highly encouraged to bring their own water bottles to drink from.

Our goal is to keep school open. It is my belief that the majority of students achieve a much higher level of success with face to face learning. A school closing is detrimental to that success and also creates a tremendous hardship on working parents/grandparents/guardians. However, this will go on a day by day basis. Should a student have to go virtual, we will do our best to ensure their success with their studies. Maintaining communication between parents, students and the school will go a long way towards ensuring that success. Regretfully, our extracurricular activities will operate on a daily/weekly basis and are subject to change or cancellation at any time in order to ensure the safety of our students.

Remember, we don't always know others' situations. Let us continue to be considerate and respectful of each other and strive for the success of our students here at Bokoshe.

Thank you,

Diana Hames, Bokoshe School Superintendent

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved...

William Jennings Bryan