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Dear Stakeholders,

I wanted to provide an additional update regarding coronavirus disease (COVID-19). We continue to seek guidance from sources such as the Crawford County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

We have been advised by the Illinois State Board of Education to be prepared in the event of a school closure. Although we are currently still open as usual, our teachers have been preparing all week to utilize an E-Learning plan to minimize this possible educational disruption. These resources are not meant to replace school, but can be used to limit this disruption. E-Learning information will be found at www.oblongschools.net. Please use the E-Learning tab for information. Many students already use Google Classroom and are well aware of assignments and expectations in the weeks ahead. Assignments and activities could be added daily. Today, students may bring home books, assignments, agendas, and other resources to help them in the event we are advised to close.

We are aware of the challenges and burdens this could have on our students and families. Again, this would be a last resort. However, we will follow guidance from health officials and make tough decisions if necessary to protect public health. If a school closure becomes necessary, I will notify everyone by text alert, www.oblongschools.net, and the District Facebook page. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeff Patchett
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