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Dear Parents and Students,

As you may know, there has been a spike in the number of COVID cases at Allison Park Elementary School. Currently, there are ten staff members out, ten students who are positive, and 45 students who are quarantining. With the Omicron variant of COVID-19 spreading throughout the county, our youngest students, many of whom remain unvaccinated, are at a high level of risk to catch the virus. With the high number of COVID affected staff that are absent, we are having difficulty continuing regular operations and conducting classes.

In an effort to curtail the transmission rate of COVID-19 and to provide a healthy learning environment for our students, Allison Park Elementary will switch to remote learning beginning on Friday, January 21st and continuing through the next week to January 28th. Students will return to in-person instruction on Monday, January 31st. This is only for Allison Park. The Junior-Senior High will continue to have in-person classes. During this period, the building will be deep cleaned and teachers will conduct remote instruction. Classroom teachers will contact their students and parents to let them know which instructional platform is being used for class, as well as class assignments. Teachers will be online during their regular instructional hours and may provide recorded lessons and work with tools like document cameras or screen casts as part of their lessons.

It is my hope that by taking this step now it will lower the transmission rate while reducing the chance that a larger surge affecting the students and staff would occur, which could result in an even longer closure. I appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work to educate students in the midst of the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Peiffer
Superintendent