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Greetings Friends and Families of DeSmet,

We are going to spend the remainder of the week in distance learning. As a staff we are not happy about this choice, but it is the best option under the circumstances. We also know how hard this is on you and your family, and we are sorry for this inconvenience, but do not see a better option. We hope you understand it is your child and families health that we are most concerned with at this time.

Last week there were record cases of Covid in our city, on Monday evening I received word that a member of our staff tested positive. Our Covid Task Group met that evening and we discussed options, after consulting with our Board Chair, closing our school to on-site learning was the best option. This will give the school the opportunity to deep clean and students an opportunity to self-isolate, which should stem the spread of the virus in our community.

All the core class teachers are sending home packets to keep our students on course this year. The packets will be only ELA and Math. In each packet the teacher has instructions and contact information that they may need for completing the assignments. The assignments will be returned on Monday when the students return to on-sight instruction.

Starting Wednesday, lunches will be delivered to all students at their bus stops, just like we did in the spring. Packets will be delivered and if there is any information that needs to be returned to school, it can be picked up. Ms. Bloom, our counselor, is available for students who may need to a chance to discuss any issues they may have during this time.

Her contact information: cbloom@desmetschool.org and 406-813-1685

Please check your teacher lesson plan page at: desetpadres.org for information on assignments from your teacher, along with rubrics for their completion.

Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation during this event and once again, our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please let us know if there is anything we may be able to do during this off-sight learning adventure.

Sincerely,

Matt Driessen, Principal