

Sherman County School

"Home of the Huskies"



April 6, 2020

Sherman County School Community,

As always, the safety and well-being of our students, staff and school community is our top priority. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all the frontline healthcare workers who are making around the clock sacrifices for our county, state, and nation. Their dedication, commitment, and courage deserves our deepest gratitude and admiration. The entire Sherman County Community, like all others around the country, is also stepping up to the plate to do what we can to join the fight against COVID-19. This includes our healthcare workers, local county employees/volunteers, businesses, parents/guardians at home, teachers who are doing their best to deliver distance learning, and staff who are keeping work spaces sanitized and preparing/delivering meals to our students.

Sherman County School is committed to open communication and keeping families and staff informed. Late last night we were notified that one of our staff tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Contact investigation has been carried out by the North Central Public Health District staff epidemiologist. All close contacts of this individual at Sherman County School, considered at risk for contracting the virus, have been notified. The affected staff member had not been on school premises for more than 3 days prior to onset of symptoms. I am pleased to report that the staff member is at home and recovering well. Please know that we are taking all measures recommended by state and federal authorities to keep our staff and the families we serve safe and healthy.

At this time, there are no other reported cases of COVID-19 in our county or at Sherman County School. I am asking for understanding from our entire community and consideration for those that have been affected by this situation. This is particularly important at a time when fears about the virus can easily raise suspicion without regard for facts. As we all experience anxiety over the global coronavirus pandemic, it is a vital time to treat each other with respect and recognize the dignity and humanity of everyone.

Our caring staff will continue to be dedicated to serving all of our students and families during the school closure by safely preparing/delivering meals as well as supporting each student's academic and personal growth through engaging distance learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support of Sherman County School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes Owens", written in a cursive style.

Wes Owens