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## **2nd Quarter Educational Plan in Response to COVID-19**

Dear Little Wound School Community,

This letter contains information about Little Wound School's plan (approved by LWS School Board 10/19/2021) for academic instruction and extracurricular activities during the **second quarter of the fall 2021 semester**. The second quarter begins on November 1, 2021, and concludes on January 14, 2022.

Our plan takes into consideration a number of factors, including diminishing rates of COVID-19 community transmission in Oglala Lakota, Jackson, and Bennett counties. Recently, because of this decrease, the Oglala Sioux Tribe downgraded its COVID-19 risk alert level from red to orange. We recognize that changing circumstances or new tribal ordinances may impact the educational plan outlined in this letter; please continue monitoring Little Wound School's Facebook page and website for up-to-date information about our district's operations. At this time, parents and caregivers continue to retain the responsibility to determine the mode of their student's instruction.

Based on the availability of vaccines for some of our students (12 and over) and not others (those younger than 12), our plan creates distinct opportunities for on-campus learning in a way that minimizes interaction of these two student subgroups. This distinction accompanies our existing health and safety measures meant to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including the use of bus monitors, daily health screenings and temperature checks, required use of face masks, and in-classroom meals.

### **On-Campus and Remote Instruction Opportunities**

Parents and caregivers retain the responsibility to determine whether their student(s) will participate in on-campus, in-person instruction or remote learning. Parents must contact their school's principal if they seek to change the method by which their student(s) receive(s) academic instruction. Principals' email addresses are located at the end of this letter. All students, regardless of the mode of instruction, will have access to five days of academic content and instruction.

### **Bussing and School Transportation**

Little Wound School will separately transport students 12 and over (middle and high school students) from those under 12 (elementary school students). This will reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission between students. Because of this, the length of student school days will vary; information about start and end times for on-campus instruction are below. It is important that Little Wound School have current information about students' places of residence. Contact your school's secretary if residential information has changed for your student:

- Elementary School: Lorraine Munoz | 605-455-6200 | [lmunoz@littlewound.us](mailto:lmunoz@littlewound.us)
- Middle School: Charlene Pratt | 605-455-6184 | [charlene.pratt@littlewound.us](mailto:charlene.pratt@littlewound.us)
- High School: Dawn Marie Janis | 605-455-6233 | [dawnjanis@littlewound.us](mailto:dawnjanis@littlewound.us)

**Length of On-Campus School Days**

In order to accommodate two separate transportation schedules for students, the length of school days for students will be different: Students in elementary school will have a different daily schedule than students in middle and high school. This schedule, for the second quarter of the school year, is:

School:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday:	Friday:
Elementary School	<b>On-Campus Instruction</b> Start Time: 9:30 a.m. End Time: 2:00 p.m.	<b>Online Instruction</b> Start: 8:25 a.m. End: 12:00 p.m.
Middle and High School	<b>On-Campus Instruction</b> Start Time: 8:25 a.m. End Time: 4:00 p.m.	<b>Online Instruction</b> Start: 8:25 a.m. End: 12:00 p.m.

For information about remote instruction times and standards, please contact your school’s principal.

**Athletics and Extracurricular Activities**

Sports and activities that can be conducted in a manner that meets health and safety guidelines will continue as announced. Please continue monitoring Little Wound School’s communications about practices, meetings, and events or reach out to your coach or advisor.

During this time, we continue to make decisions in the best interest of our students and our school’s mission: to provide a sacred environment for students to achieve academic and Lakota language and cultural excellence. Please use the contact information below as needed.

**Little Wound School Contact Information**

- Mainline and Switchboard: 605-455-6150
- High School: 605-455-6233 | Sharei Ricketts, Principal: [shareiricketts@littlewound.us](mailto:shareiricketts@littlewound.us)
- Middle School: 605-455-6184 | Alvon Little Whiteman, Principal: [alvonlwm@littlewound.us](mailto:alvonlwm@littlewound.us)
- Elementary School: 605-455-6200 | Theresa Mendoza, Principal: [theresamendoza@littlewound.us](mailto:theresamendoza@littlewound.us)
- Athletic Director: 605-455-6226 | Keith Ferguson: [keithferguson@littlewound.us](mailto:keithferguson@littlewound.us)
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Sincerely,

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