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### **Third Quarter Operations Plan and Return to On-Campus Learning**

Dear Little Wound School Community,

At the Monday January 10, 2022 Regular Little Wound School Board meeting through official action the School Board elected to return to on campus learning Monday January 24, 2022 for students 12 and over; Elementary students will remain in remote status with a project tentative return date of February 3, 2022. Please review the content of this letter to learn more about our school's COVID-19 health protocols, vaccination requirements, and other details that will help you navigate our school's response to the national pandemic.

#### **On-Campus Instruction for Students Ages 12+**

All students ages twelve and older may return to full-day, on-campus learning on **Monday, January 24, 2022**. Students eligible for on-campus learning must comply with Little Wound's student vaccination policies, which are summarized below. To support a healthy environment and minimize the potential for community transmission of COVID-19, we will be following our established mitigation practices, which are based on local, state, and federal guidelines and best-practices.

#### **Remote Instruction for Students Ages 5–11**

At this time, all elementary school students will continue participating in remote learning. Whole group instruction will take place from 8:25 a.m. through 1:25 p.m., and the afternoon will be for small groups and intervention provided by teachers and staff members. We anticipate a specific plan with Elementary return to in person learning with a projected start date February 3, 2022. The full details of this plan will be published the week of January 18-21, 2022.

#### **Continued Parent Choice for Learning Method**

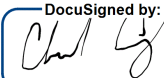
Parents and legal guardians, at this time, may still determine whether your student who is eligible for on-campus instruction should participate in remote learning instead. If you believe that remote instruction is the best choice for your student, please contact the principal of your school to learn more about this option and its requirements.

## Student Vaccination Requirements

In compliance with the Oglala Sioux Tribe's ordinance 21-55, all students age 12 and older will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate in any on-campus, face-to-face instruction, activities, sports, or events, beginning on **January 18, 2022**. Proof of vaccination must be provided to Little Wound School's nurse, Lindsee Harris (lindseeharris@littlewound.us) before returning to campus. A student may also contact Lindsee Harris to receive information about medical or sincerely held religious belief exemptions from vaccination requirements. At this time, all students 18 and older must also provide proof of a booster vaccination before returning to campus for activities or instruction. Full information about student vaccination requirements may be found in a community letter dated 12/03/2021 which was shared on Little Wound's website and social media. (**Note:** Little Wound School may pass new policies about vaccination requirements and booster shots in the future, and we invite you to continue reviewing all school communications for details about these decisions.)

LWS will continue keeping the community informed about our response to COVID-19 and our work to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of our students and staff. If you have any questions about instruction, please contact your school's principal. Questions about COVID-19 and our district's response may be directed to Lindsee Harris (lindseeharris@littlewound.us).

Sincerely,

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