



Scott County R-IV School District

4035 State Highway 77 • Benton, Missouri 63736
Phone (573) 545-3887 • Fax (573) 545-3929

Dr. Bradley Kolwyck, Superintendent

09/09/2021

Dear School Community,

The first ten days of this school year have been great. The students and teachers were relieved to be back in school and excited to experience a typical year. In my first letter, I explained that we would work to make common sense decisions and keep our students in-seat learning for as long as possible. In doing so, we have to be vigilant of the data that reflect positive COVID cases and how it is impacting the best learning environment for our students.

Until this week, the district has experienced a very low number of positive cases, resulting in students, staff, and faculty quarantined. This week's data have changed the entire playing field for our school district. Unfortunately, at the time this message was written, we have 17 active positive cases of COVID (variant unknown) throughout the three school buildings. The positive cases have resulted in approximately 15% of our student population quarantined. The upward trend is very eye-opening and reminds us that we must be vigilant while keeping all options open to ensure the safety of everyone.

I am very grateful for our Board of Education's common sense approach to decision making with this sickness. The administration will do everything we can to keep kids in school. Once again, at the time this message was written, the district DOES NOT have a mask mandate, but has not ruled out the possibility, if it means keeping students in class and learning.

I am seeking your feedback in regards to tough decisions that have to be made about your student's learning environment. Please click on the link below and take the short survey. This information will help the administration make future decisions about school in regards to COVID.

[Community Survey](#)

Thank you for your feedback and support as we work together to make the best decisions for our students.

Sincerely,

Brad Kolwyck

Bradley J. Kolwyck, PhD
Superintendent

Board of Education

David Brashear, President
Dorothy Lewer, Vice-President
Gail Riley, Secretary
Kellie Bridges, Treasurer
Paul Ruff, Member
Robert Gill, Member