



Duke Public Schools

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Dear Duke Public School parents, staff and community members:

Today, we received notification that a Duke Public School employee has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the person involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

There is nothing more important to Duke Public Schools than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. We are working directly with Jackson County health officials to address this situation. We have and we will follow county health department recommendations to include isolating and/or quarantining those necessary through the tracking and tracing procedures. Those affected have been contacted at this time.

Duke Public Schools will continue to follow all COVID-related safety procedures possible, including social distancing, mask requirement, and sanitizing.

COVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person contact and through the exchange of respiratory droplets. As more cases are being confirmed across the state, including in our community, we must be vigilant. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately and please do not send children to school exhibiting symptoms. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Wear a cloth mask in public when you cannot social distance.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. I encourage everyone to remain calm and to be respectful to those affected.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support of Duke Public Schools. School will remain in session on regular schedule moving forward at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Todd Ware".

Todd Ware
Superintendent