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Mission:

Doss CCSD will
create and sustain
an environment to
inspire curiosity,
respect tradition, and
embrace excellence.

District Values:
Love, Respect, Serve

November 18, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community:

Via Student Folders and Electronic Mail

On behalf of the Board, Administration, and employees, thank you for caring for children and education, and for your support of Doss Consolidated Common School District. We encourage you to be confident in your children and stay safe, stay home, and be strong. We thank you for teaching your children safe practices, and appreciate you working with our district to keep school safe for learning.

Working together to implement the safety protocols released in the *Return to School Plan*, we hope everyone returns from the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday healthy. We trust you celebrate this season safely in small numbers, and, of course, limit travel and visitors. Further, we encourage you to follow CDC health guidelines. Parents will be allowed to choose at-home learning for November 30th through the end of the year, if there is a health concern.

For the first semester, we offered an option of on-campus or at-home learning. Planning instructional continuity for the second semester, we are considering suspending the option for at-home learning. It is our belief that face-to-face learning is absolutely the best for children of elementary and middle school age and is extremely important for students who have learning gaps or unfinished learning.

We first announced this possible suspension November 3rd, but an official decision will be made Tuesday, December 8th. If a decision is made to suspend at-home learning, all students will be required to attend school on-campus for the second semester. With the holidays ending early January, we will allow a two-week window for self-isolation due to possible holiday travels or guests which would mean students must be on campus by January 18th.

An asynchronous plan for at-home learning was submitted and approved by the Texas Education Agency. With this approved plan, at-home learning will be an option for students who have tested positive for COVID-19, or who must be quarantined due to close contact. Additionally, it will be the instructional option should we close school due to an outbreak or forced closure by Governor Abbott.

Health, education, and welfare has always been a major responsibility of educators, and during this unique pandemic, the safety and well-being of students and staff is still our top priority. Successful learning depends on healthy bodies and minds, and we thank you for your continued support of our safety protocols. Please contact the school if you need more information. Rest, relax, and enjoy the Thanksgiving break!

Sincerely,

Pam Seipp

Doss CCSD Website: <http://dossccsd.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DossSchoolDistrict/>

CDC Resources: Celebrating Thanksgiving: Safer and Activities

CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html>