



NORWALK-ONTARIO-WILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Elementary School

Brookwood Junior and Senior High School

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Date: March 19, 2020

To: NOW Parents

From: Dr. Kelly T. Burhop – District Administrator

Re: Update on Food Service Delivery Situation

I understand your concerns over the last posting in which I informed parents and the community of a developing situation in the school. Here are the facts that I can give you. First, the situation in which I informed the public was brought to school administration attention Wednesday afternoon. Second, no one involved in that situation has tested positive for COVID-19 as of 10:00 a.m., March 19. Under the circumstances of the information I gave to the public, I felt it was best to be upfront, honest and inform. Third, the NOW employee as of 10:00 a.m., March 19 is showing no signs of illness. Fourth, the NOW employee is not a food service worker, has not had access to the kitchen or food. The employee did talk to food service personnel briefly on Wednesday. The food delivery shut down for the rest of this week is being done as a public safety precaution.

Obviously school district administration will be monitoring this situation and I will inform the public when I can share facts. Speculation serves no purpose. I am hoping to start food service deliveries on Monday. That will be determined by what is learned over the next three days. I will do another posting as soon as I have facts to share.

As I continue to read up and get information about the COVID-19 pandemic, what I am understanding is that the shutdown of schools, the limitations on businesses and everything else, being mandated by our state government, is being done to slow the spread of COVID-19, so that our health care system isn't overrun. It isn't going to stop it. As long as people interact, the virus will spread. As of last night there are three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in LaCrosse County. Eventually, it is going to spread from there, very possibly to Monroe and Vernon Counties. To help in slowing the spread of the virus, remember to:

1. Practice Social Distancing.
2. Practice good personal hygiene.
3. Call your healthcare professional first if you feel you have symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath.
4. Stay home if you are sick.

Thank you for your patience as we try to move forward during the pandemic.

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