SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SEWARD 410 South Street Seward, NE 68434



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Dear Seward Parents/Guardians,

We have a number of celebrations as the third quarter comes to a close next week. We have been able to continue with in-person teaching and learning this school year and we did not have to cancel a winter contest due to COVID-19 among several other celebrations happening at our schools. Many of us are ready for a sense of normalcy and I hope that as more people receive their vaccinations, and the number of people contracting COVID continue to decrease, that this sense of normalcy will become a reality. There are a couple of important factors that I want to communicate in why we have not made any changes with our protocols. Our staff has not been vaccinated and our hope is that all staff who want to be vaccinated will get this opportunity in the coming weeks. The second factor is that the quarantine rules have not changed at this time with our current DHM. We have been successful in limiting the number of days students/staff have had to miss within the school setting through our mitigation strategies. The mitigation strategies of spreading students out in the lunchroom, wearing face coverings, and our cleaning protocols have helped us maintain in-person learning, athletic/academic/fine arts competitions, and special events for our students. We will continue to monitor data and recommendations from the CDC and Four Corners as we finish the last quarter of school. This week our COVID-19 quarantine and isolation numbers continue to be stable as we had 0.47% of our students/staff out on quarantine or isolation this week. The Four Corners Risk Dial is at 1.46, which is in yellow. Thank you for your continued support of Seward Public Schools and I hope all of you get a chance to enjoy this spring-like weather this weekend!

Sincerely

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