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Dunkerton Community,

The Dunkerton School District was included in discussions with other school districts in Black Hawk County about virtual learning before and directly after the Thanksgiving Break in efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID19 following potential family gatherings. As you may know, Cedar Falls and Waterloo announced that they are going virtual for the two days before Thanksgiving and the three days after the Thanksgiving Break.

The current Dunkerton calendar has two days (November 30 and December 1) of school following the Thanksgiving Break and then a teacher professional development day on Wednesday, December 2. The Dunkerton School District will move the teacher professional development day from Wednesday, December 2 to Monday, November 30 and use the next two days (December 1 and December 2) to provide virtual learning. We will then resume in-person classes for students on Thursday, December 3, depending on contact tracing, staff and student positivity rates. The district will offer Grab 'n Go breakfast and lunches during virtual learning days with more details to follow on that program.

By taking the days after Thanksgiving Break, we will be able to mitigate some of the potential contacts following the Thanksgiving Holiday. Despite the request from elected and health officials for Iowans to limit gatherings, families will likely be around others during the holiday week and going virtual gives students a chance to stay safe at home for an additional six days following Thanksgiving Day. Data supplied by Black Hawk Public Health indicates that on average the virus has a four to seven day incubation period. The district will ask parents to report any potential absences on Tuesday, December 1 in order to plan for resuming face to face instruction on Thursday, December 3.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cronin
Superintendent

Mr. Kelchen
MS/HS Principal

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