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To the Community of Wichita County:

USD 467 teachers and staff are preparing for the reopening of schools. The district leadership team, department supervisors, and a Board representative will gather to Zoom with other educators across Kansas on Thursday, July 16th. Dr. Randy Watson, KSDE Commissioner of Education, will lead education teams through the "Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning & School Safety Operations" document approved by the state Board of Education on July 15th. After learning the expectations of this guidance document, and the impact of Governor Laura Kelly's executive order delaying the start of school, the district leadership team will divide into groups to begin planning with over 30 teacher volunteers.

The Navigating Change document has an operations section consisting of eight areas and an academic section outlining learning expectations by competency-based grade level bands. The planning teams will be created based on grade level assignments and associated interests. Recent survey data will be used to plan for the reopening, however the executive order and local health department guidelines will be implemented.

Governor Kelly's announcement to delay the reopening of schools to September 9th will impact the 2020-21 school calendar. The calendar committee will meet to create a new school calendar. The governor's order will go into effect on Monday, July 20th. The contents of the order will halt all school activities.

USD 467 will continue to gather information about how to safely meet the needs of our students and staff, while providing the best academic opportunities for our students. We will keep you informed as we become aware of new developments. We ask for patience and grace as we face the challenges of planning for student learning while keeping everyone safe in this unique situation.

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Unified School District #467 District Goals

Academic Success

Civic Engagement

Effective Communication