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## **ISD 882 makes important calendar change, continues in current learning models**

*Good afternoon Monticello families,*

*As you hopefully saw on our social media page, we are moving my weekly communication to Thursday to sync with the weekly release of COVID-19 data and help to streamline our communication.*

*With that in mind, I want to use this week's communication to address the latest COVID update. However, first it's important that I share an update to the 2020-21 school calendar.*

***At the Sept. 14 meeting, the Monticello School Board approved the addition of four District-Wide Distance Learning Days this school year. These days will be held on:***

***Wednesday, Oct. 14***

***Friday, Nov. 6***

***Thursday, April 1***

***Thursday, June 3 (Last Day of School)***

*These days were formerly early release days across the district. Under our hybrid schedule, early release days are inequitable and a logistical challenge. Changing these days to distance learning days will better serve our entire student body and our staff. To view the most updated district calendar, please visit [here](#).*

*Now to the latest on the COVID-19 news. The Sept. 17 data update from MDH shows that the COVID-19 rate in Wright County is now 19.74 cases per 10,000 people, putting us back into the Level 2 threshold. While the case rate is just one of the data points used to make our decision, the Regional COVID-19 Response Team believes all county and local metrics point to keeping our elementary schools in-person and secondary in hybrid. Therefore we will continue forward with those models, and we will continue to update families weekly with any changes.*

*Before I get to a couple of highlights from the past week, I want to share one more important piece of information. That is our [Annual Notices](#). Our Annual Notices have long been distributed in the mail, but we are moving them to digital distribution going forward.*

*Now to the good stuff. I am really excited to share that we are bringing Coffee Chats back this fall. The first Coffee Chat of the year will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26. The second event will be on Saturday, Oct. 24. Both events will be virtual, and a link to join will be sent to families the week of the event.*

*Lastly, I wanted to share a video that many of you have likely seen circulating on social media this week. Our team captured some moments from the opening days of the school year and put them together in this [back to school video](#). I can't tell you how full it has made my heart to watch students return to our buildings and to see our educators return to building those all-important relationships. I hope you enjoy this video, and look forward to more videos highlighting our awesome students and staff throughout the year!*

*Sincerely,*

*Superintendent Eric Olson*