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Dear Parents:

Yesterday, Bedford County Schools announced that some schools would close, while others remained open on Wednesday, March 3 to allow staff members to recover from their second dose of the COVID19 vaccine that they will receive on Tuesday of next week. As we have worked through the vaccination lists today, we have realized that we will not have enough bus drivers (due to vaccine recovery concerns) to make the bus runs work for next Wednesday, March 3 for Forest MS, all of the high schools, The Alternative Education Center, and Susie G. Gibson Science and Technology Center. Therefore, we will be closing **all schools** to students next Wednesday, March 3 and the day will be a remote learning day.

For the second group going for vaccination two on March 9th, we already have a built in recovery day with our March 10th Instructional Collaboration Day previously planned. Therefore, we do not anticipate having to close school for any more vaccinations once we get our main schools done.

We are going to cancel the Instructional Collaboration Day on April 28th and make it a regular school day in order to make up some of our in person learning time that has been disrupted by vaccinations.

Just to reiterate, all schools will be closed on March 3rd for a remote learning day. In addition, March 10th is already on the calendar as a collaboration day and school is closed for students. Also, all schools will now be open on April 28th for in person learning and will not be a teacher workday.

I am sorry we have to make this change after our initial communication. Thank you for being flexible and understanding. Our goal is to complete vaccinations for our staff so we can quickly return to normal school functions in the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

Karen Woodford, Ed.D.