

School officials taking COVID-19 precautions

As the current COVID-19 situation continues to evolve and confirmed cases are showing up closer to Stearns and Meeker counties, I want to reach out and assure you that our school district is connecting and communicating with an abundance of resources and health professionals from all levels of government.

I've included a list to many of those resources at the end of this message. Please pass these resources on to anyone in the school-community who you feel would benefit from the information and recommendations. School district administrative members and health personnel continue to participate in a routine Minnesota Department of Health / Minnesota Department of Education conference call/webinar that is listed as a resource below. This has been a very productive and informative resource for our schools and staff to get the most up-to-date and accurate information.

While there is a lot of discussion and decisions yet to be made about social distancing, limiting travel, avoiding large social events, and closing schools, those decisions will be made at the direction of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). As stated earlier, we'll work closely with MDH and MDE to ensure that the most accurate and appropriate information is passed along to our staff, students, parents, and community members.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school or check out the "health" tab on the district webpage. You can contact me at 320-453-2900 or mmessman@evw.k12.mn.us. You can contact our school nurse, Anno Johnson, at 320-453-2900 or ajohnson@evw.k12.mn.us.

Resources:

- CDC Guidance (including FAQ): www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html.

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•MDH Guidance: www.health.state.mn.us/disease/coronavirus/schools.html.

Becoming a Better Person

As we continue to reflect upon becoming a better person in 2020, I'd like to share strategy #8 from the "12 Actions You Can Take to Become a Better Person" by Deep Patel, VIP contributor for the Entrepreneur.

Set goals for yourself. Goals give us focus and a way to measure our progress. Goals motivate us to stay on track. Start by writing your goals down and place in a visible area. Those who write down their goals and dreams are more likely to actually achieve them.

What are your personal and professional goals? Where do you see yourself in five years from now? In 10 years? What character traits have you considered changing? Once identified, frame these goals in a positive manner as something you will achieve rather than something you have to give up.

Senior Spotlight

The EV-W School District would like to recognize Adam Stommes, the son of Janice and Reuben. In addition to his impressive academic record, Adam exhibits a respectful demeanor, positive work ethic, and participates in football, basketball, track, and choir.

Following high school graduation, Adam plans on attending St. Cloud State University to pursue an education degree, and then eventually return to the EV-W School District.

Our EV-W administration, faculty, and staff are extremely proud of Adam for his many accomplishments. Congratulations!