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OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POSTPONES OUT-OF-COUNTY FIELD TRIPS AND ATHLETIC EVENTS

After conferring with the Okaloosa County Department of Health and receiving the news from the World Health Organization declaring a worldwide pandemic, Okaloosa Schools will be postponing all out-of-county and out-of-state field trips and sports trips effective immediately. We are also contacting athletic teams and other student groups who are scheduled to come to Okaloosa County to inform them that these activities have been postponed. We do not take this decision lightly. The disappointment and inconvenience these cancellations will cause are obvious, but the safety and well-being of our students and employees is paramount.

Several out-of-county trips were called back this morning after receiving updated information from the Department of Health. Information regarding how best to protect our students and staff has been fluid and we will continue to take steps that we believe are in the best interests of all.

At this time, in-county athletic competitions between Okaloosa county teams and in-county field trips may continue as scheduled.

We remain in close contact with the Department of Health and the Department of Education and will continue to make decisions based on the most current information available. Our website (www.okaloosaschools.com) will provide updates and we will communicate with parents through our callout system. School will resume on Tuesday, March 24th, following Spring Break.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. Please visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (www.cdc.gov), and the Florida Department of Health (www.floridahealth.gov) for the latest health information.

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