

September 30, 2020

Dear Crest High Schools Parents,

Cleveland County Schools desires to create an exceptional educational experience for our students and works to prepare students to be successful in their post-secondary careers. In these efforts, we attempt to work with students, parents and community members to create a safe and positive learning environment in which all students can thrive.

During our efforts to maintain healthy students and staff, we have identified multiple cases of COVID-19 involving persons at Crest High School as well as several employees/students awaiting test results. To avoid additional spread, Cleveland County Schools and the Cleveland County Health Department have made the decision to close the school building and campus temporarily for student learning and extracurricular activities.

Students and employees should not return to the school for in-person instruction until Thursday, October 15. Until then, students and teachers will engage via remote learning. Please look for additional information from your student's teachers regarding remote learning.

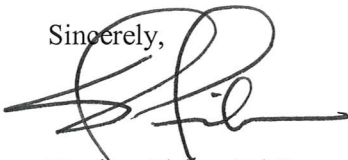
While other schools in Cleveland County Schools have experienced confirmed cases of COVID-19, those are believed to have been isolated incidents. School leaders and the local health department believes the circumstances surrounding Crest High School make it necessary for the temporary closure to help promote the health and safety of our students, staff and community.

Public health officials are conducting contact tracing. This involves identifying people who may have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, contacting them, and advising them on what to do. If this applies to you, you will be contacted by the Cleveland County Health Department within the next few days. Cleveland County Schools is also conducting a review of practices and protocols related to this situation.

We apologize for the inconvenience, and we thank you for your understanding, patience, and support as we navigate the situation. Please know that we cannot share the name of persons who have tested positive or any personally identifiable information. However, we will certainly keep you updated along the way.

If you need information about the coronavirus, please call the Cleveland County coronavirus hotline at (980) 484-5316. If you have additional questions or concerns associated with Crest High School, please contact Cleveland County Schools at 704 476 8030 or the Cleveland County Health Department.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent
Cleveland County Schools