

December 17, 2021

As we enter our winter break and celebrate the holidays, I want to take a moment to wish everyone a joyous and safe time with family and friends. It will be a new year when we return on January 3, 2022, but we will continue to face many challenges. The strategic planning process scheduled to begin in the new year is an opportunity for us to create new cultural norms as we seek a pathway through this pandemic and all it has wrought. The new year will generate tremendous excitement and highlight many new opportunities for our students and our community despite the problems we face. I hope everyone will take some time to reflect on what you see as the ideal future for our district and that you seriously consider participating in the strategic planning process. This is the chance to create a better future for the children of Lopez and Decatur Islands, and we want you to share with us the things that are important to you.

During winter break, we know that many of you may have travel plans, both domestically and internationally. To ensure we are proactive in addressing the potential for COVID-19 transmission during this break, Nurse Hattman will be conducting **a testing clinic on Sunday, January 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** She will be processing rapid tests to expedite the process. Any staff member or student is welcome to get tested. Still, we are specifically requesting that those of you who may travel internationally and those who have other factors that may contribute to increased susceptibility to the virus try to get tested.

To make the process more manageable, Nurse Hattman is asking you to adhere to the following testing schedule:

Last Name A – M, Testing from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Last Name N – Z, Testing from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Once again, I wish everyone a happy holiday season and a joyous new year.

Ed Murray

