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Dear Olympus High Families and Staff,

The District and school have been informed by Salt Lake County Health Department that Olympus High has 15 confirmed COVID cases with additional referrals expected in the coming days (see attached letter from Salt Lake County Health Department). As part of our planning process this summer, we anticipated that such a dismissal would invariably occur, and the district and your school are prepared for this circumstance. Per the Health Department, this dismissal is NOT a quarantine. If you have been previously quarantined, **this notice does NOT supersede those instructions and you must complete that quarantine period as instructed by the Health Department.**

All in-person instruction at Olympus High will cease, and distance education will begin immediately); however, the school will be closed for the next two days for deep cleaning. Thereafter, teachers will be working from the building. Students should remove anything from their lockers or classrooms that they will need access to over the period of dismissal. Students who need technological resources such as Chromebooks or Wi- Fi access should reach out to the main office as soon as possible.

In addition, and based on what we have learned from our last dismissal the administration has asked all teachers to **plan on teaching class at their scheduled class times and to follow the bell schedule during the next two weeks.** All teachers and students should plan on accessing Canvas during their assigned class times and we will be providing classes through Zoom, Google Meet, etc. where there will be live instruction, time for question and answer and the remainder of the time will be for students to work on their assigned daily course work. This will be for classes on Monday – Thursday and teachers will continue what they have been doing on our traditional Friday distance learning days. Also make sure that students are not just looking at the “To Do” tab in Canvas, but to **go to the “Module” tab to access the assignments and resources they need to complete the work.** Please remember that these two weeks are a school dismissal, not a vacation and that students are expected to get up and be ready to go for their assigned classes and complete their work by the assigned deadlines.

We have had extensive consultation with health officials over the past few days regarding extracurricular activities (All UHSAA governed activities and dance/cheer teams). **As no extracurricular activity/teams currently have three or more confirmed cases, the Health Department does NOT currently recommend that those activities be dismissed.** This is consistent with the provisions of the State Health Department COVID-19 School Manual. However, if those teams do have case counts that rise to 3 or more, it is anticipated that the Health Department will recommend a 14-day dismissal of that team at that time.

This dismissal will require the cancelation or postponement of all other school activities, and spectators will not be permitted at ongoing competitions on school property with the exception of parents or guardians. We regret this is the case but readily acknowledge that the safety for our students and employees will continue to be paramount above all else.

In the meantime, we strongly encourage our students and families to adhere to current countywide health orders and avoid large gatherings and wear a mask in public in circumstances where social distancing is not possible. If we fail to adhere to this guidance, we further put our extracurricular activities and in-person instruction in jeopardy. We appreciate your patience and support as we work to keep our students and staff safe in the midst of this pandemic.

We look forward to seeing our students back on Wednesday November 11th.

Sincerely,
Steve Perschon - Principal