



January 18, 2022

Dear Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center community,

Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center (DLECC) has experienced a dramatic increase in COVID-19 positivity and other illnesses this week. Due to the high number of student and staff absences we will be shutting down DLECC for the remainder of the week. **DLECC will be closed, Wednesday, January 19, through Friday, January 21, 2022.** We will return to in-person learning on Monday, January 24, 2022. All other buildings will continue in-person instruction.

At this time we will not be shifting to an online or virtual format for a number of reasons:

- Different remote learning expectations from the state (not as flexible as in the past);
- Devices at DLECC are currently shared by classrooms, not assigned to individual students;
- With over 15% of our staff out, putting substitute teachers into an online environment with limited notice would not be ideal for our students.

We understand at this time the YMCA will remain open, although in a limited capacity. Parents are encouraged to contact them directly for specific information. GSRP administrators have also decided to close their program for the remainder of the week. More specific communication will be provided directly to their families from Kent ISD.

We understand the inconvenience and frustration this may cause for our DLECC families and staff. While we are disappointed that we must close our building under these circumstances, we are first and foremost committed to the safety and wellness of our students and staff. We will continue to stand together and support one another during these challenging times.

Dr. Dedrick Martin

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