

Good evening, **Cardinal Family**.

Today, I spent time connecting with educators, public health officials, health-care providers, legislators, board members and others in relation to COVID-19 and next steps for a **safe and healthy** learning environment. Decisions of this magnitude are **complex**, with multiple viewpoints, ideas, and beliefs to consider.

H.L. Mencken once stated, "For every complex problem there is an answer that is **clear, simple, and wrong**." Translated -- No decision will ever please everyone. When faced with complexity, his words remind me to focus on simplicity. Simply put, our responsibility is to create a safe, healthy learning environment for **students and staff**.

At the end of the day, **it's that simple**. Thus, here are a few decisions made today:

Decision: The CCSD will continue facial covering, quarantine, and other health and safety practices in accordance with our current expectations **and** in line with CDC regulations and Page County Public Health recommendations.

Decision: Students attending the Clarinda Lutheran School will not be joining us for **athletics, activities, or transportation** purposes for the next **two weeks and until** CLS facial covering and all other expectations/aligned practices match CCSD expectations.

Decision: South Page administration is **shifting** on-campus (at South Page) health and safety practices to align with CCSD expectations.

Decision: I will continue to be grateful for health, life, love, and my Cardinal Family. Will you join me?

Enjoy your evening!

Chris