



Season's greetings to you and yours!

Colleagues,

I hope this finds you getting rest and connecting with your loved ones. I hesitate to send you anything over break but wanted to share with you some information around the survey you should have received from the district on the vaccination.

VACCINATION

- The district has been told the vaccination will be distributed for district employees between late January or March. February would be the best bet. The vaccine is free.
 - The vaccination will be Moderna, which will be two doses that are 28 days apart.
- At this time the school district has not decided whether to make it mandatory, this is now voluntary. However, it is highly encouraged to take advantage of it.
- All district staff will be placed in tiers.
 - **Tier One-** All teachers, school-based administrators, education support professionals, transportation, nutrition, maintenance and any other staff that have 'direct' contact with students and who have not tested positive.
 - **Tier Two-** This would be a hybrid version, some TLC, some paras and some administration who have some contact with students.
 - **Tier Three-** This would be those who have no contact or interaction with students 90-100% of the time, such as TAC administration, Operations, Superintendent and those who **have** tested positive for COVID.

The district has been in contact with the needed health departments to follow their recommendations on how to best roll out the vaccination to the staff.

What does this mean? You should have received a survey from the district to

be completed by January 4th to help them get a designated number of staff who are willing to take the vaccination. The district must have that number in order to receive the vaccinations. The survey is less than 30 seconds to take and just one question.

Scheduling- The district is aware that the second dose may be associated with side effects for 40-50% of people. The district is looking at what the schedule will look like to cause less impact to staff if they do experience side effects. That has yet to be determined.

All of this is to just keep you informed on where the district is regarding the vaccination and what information is shared with the OEA.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Be well,

Robert
OEA President

