

On-site learning to resume at Hiawatha Middle & High Schools

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha School Board voted unanimously at a special meeting Friday afternoon to resume on-site learning at the middle and high schools, beginning Wednesday, September 30.**

**The action is contingent on being able to adequately staff both buildings.**

**Remote learning will continue at the Hiawatha Elementary School at this time.**

**The school nurses provided an updated on the number of positive COVID cases as well as quarantined cases among students and staff.**

**Nurse Whitney McCauley said there were currently seven positive cases at the elementary school--including five staff members and two students. She said 93 students were out due to COVID-related issues, and 20 staff members.**

**Nurse Erin Wenger said she had two positive cases each at the middle school and high school. She said nine students were out at the middle school and ten at the high school for exposure.**

**Board members agreed the main concern was at the elementary school, with discussion centered on options for resuming on-site learning at the other two attendance centers.**

**Superintendent Lonnie Moser said the decision was made Wednesday to move from on-site to remote learning at all three of the of district's schools due to an increase in COVID cases and resulting staffing issues. However, the Board decided during a special meeting Thursday to re-evaluate that decision.**

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