

USD 113 board votes against COVID testing program

(KMZA)--The Prairie Hills USD 113 Board of Education, in a special meeting Saturday, voted not to allow an off-site COVID-19 testing program.

The Test to Learn/Test to Play program would have allowed students who are quarantined as close contacts to return to school after a daily, negative COVID-19 test.

According to the program document, it would provide a way for students to safely continue to attend school and participate in activities while in quarantine. Under the program, students would be required to wear a mask at school.

Parents would have to sign a consent form for their child to be tested daily for the duration of the quarantine.

Board member Kathy Lippert, who made the motion against allowing the program, said she believes parents should be the ones responsible to make decisions about their kids, not an educational system.

Board member Ed Reznicek cast the lone vote in favor of the program.

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