## **Zephyr Independent School District**

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start out by expressing how much we appreciate your willingness to stick behind our students and teachers during this difficult transition back to face-to-face and off-campus learning. It was a breath of fresh air for us to see the kids back on campus, learning from the teachers face to face, and socializing with their friends!

We have been allowing students that were absent during the day to zoom in with their teachers on a daily basis if needed. We have decided to stop allowing zoom on a day to day basis unless you meet one of the following circumstances:

- Quarantine directive from doctor or health department (documentation for office required);
- In the process of a Covid testing and/or awaiting results or seeking an alternative diagnosis from doctor (contact office, documentation required);
- Choose to commit to online learning for 3-week minimum, due to Covid concerns.

The teachers have worked very hard to offer the online learning, but it is too stressful to continue offering on a daily basis with no warning for them to prepare. The amount of work it takes to complete the online curriculum outside of their normal duties is extremely difficult, and if you have sincere concerns pertaining to Covid-19 we will do our best to offer you the best education possible online.

There is no substitute for the quality of instruction we can provide in person, or the socialization kids learn with each other. We are currently reviewing the number of cases in our county/community, the effectiveness of online learning, and the possibility of offering only in person learning.

Please call the office if you have any questions on this policy for online learning. The Principal will have the authority to make the final call on any decision pertaining to absences. Thank you and have a great day!

Thank you,

Stanton Marwitz Zephyr ISD Superintendent