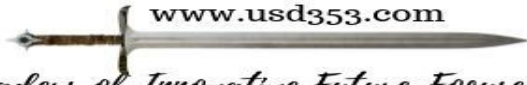


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Dear USD 353 and Wellington Community,

We continue to monitor the increase in COVID-19 cases in our community and receive medical guidance. It is apparent that cases are going to continue on this upward trend for the foreseeable future. Therefore, ALL schools will be in the hybrid (yellow) phase until the end of the semester on **December 18th**. Please keep in mind that at any time, moving to remote learning for the district or an individual building could be necessary due to a cluster or staffing issue. Again, I want to acknowledge the phenomenal work of our administrators, teachers, staff and students during this challenging time as we work to keep our schools open and safe.

Another statement will be released in mid-December regarding plans for the second semester. In the meantime, we all must do our part to slow the spread in our community.

Thank you to our administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents and community for their cooperation, flexibility, and support. As the Thanksgiving break approaches, I want to extend my gratitude to all of you.

Adam Hatfield

Superintendent, USD 353