

**Date:**

8/03/20

**Subject:**

Rolling Green Next Steps

**Email:**

Rolling Green Families,

Our request for permission to extend the Required Continuous Learning (all online) instructional model that Rolling Green is currently operating in has been denied by the Iowa Department of Education (DE). This means that we will continue to provide all online instruction through Thursday, August 6.

We invite you to join tonight's Special School Board meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Here is [the agenda with the link to the Zoom meeting](#) included at the top left of the page. Our School Board will be discussing the following information in order to make a decision regarding which instructional model Rolling Green will move forward in beginning Friday, August 7:

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- The daily positivity rate as well as the rolling 14 day average for Polk County can be found [on this website](#) which is updated on a daily basis.
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It seems as though we are collectively faced with one tough decision after another; perhaps that is to be expected when navigating a global health crisis. No matter how many tough decisions we are making, please know, we are steadfast in our dedication to continuing to provide the safest and healthiest learning environment possible for all students and staff. We will share more information tomorrow regarding next steps following tonight's School Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Dania Wilson

Interim Principal

Steve Bass  
Superintendent

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*(Note: Sent to all district families and staff except RG)*

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