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Issues for the Willard Community Center Board to address during this Coronavirus Pandemic.

Sarah will be sending out a calendar invitation for a Zoom meeting if you do not want to come to Willard in person for the meeting tomorrow. This requires a web cam and microphone if you plan on joining into the discussion. Otherwise you can call our cell phones and we can have them on speaker phone throughout the meeting. My number is 402-309-0190 and Sarah's is 402-310-3262. You will have to download Zoom right before the meeting. This download will be very quick. Let Sarah know if you have any questions. You will need to click on the link in the Zoom meeting invitation. You won't be able to do anything until Sarah starts the meeting. If you want to do a trial run with her she can do that.

I want to thank you for working through all of this with us as we determine what is going to be the best for our families and staff.

We have 39 child care staff. We have had 8 staff members leave town and move home since UNL is only doing on-line classes. We have another 9 staff member that will not be available to work during UNL's Spring Break, March 23 -27th. Of the 22 staff that are left to work, 8 of those are high school students or are under the age of 19 and cannot be left alone with a group of children.

Staff that are going to be gone for Spring Break, and are still planning on traveling, will they be allowed to come back to work right away or will they be required to self-quarantine for 2 weeks? If a staff member comes to work and then tests positive, then I am guessing that we would have to close for another 2 weeks.

Sarah and I are recommending that we remain closed for one more week, through March 27th, and then look at providing care at Preschool, Pre-K and here at Willard for the grade school age children until LPS reopens. The LLCH has just sent out their restrictions for child care and are requesting that we only have 10 children per classroom. This will mean that we will only be able to take 10 out of the 20 children enrolled at the Pre-K House and only 10 out of 24 here at Preschool. For the grade school age children, we would have 6 rooms that we could use for a total of 60. We currently have 260 kids in our Roper and Lakeview Before and After School programs.

We can send out a google form and ask parents to sign up for care during this time but will we take families on a first come, first serve basis? I am thinking that we will have to charge them the weekly rate that we do in the summer at \$150.00 per week. If LPS opens up in April, then we can pro-rate the rest of the month.

We are completely under the guidance of the LLCHD. If they decide that we need to close for all child care, then we will have to abide by their decision.

We have already had staff members who are asking about hours and how they are going to survive without a paycheck. If we don't open our doors soon to provide care and bring in some revenue, then we will lose more college staff who will find other jobs or move back home. This will really put us in a predicament if LPS opens again.