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The Sabine School Board unanimously voted to implement the **Quarantine Option** for students and employees who are considered **close contacts** (*met guideline for close contact of a student or employee who has tested positive for Covid-19*) in the **Covid-19 Guidance**, at the October 18th board meeting. The new guidelines came directly from the Louisiana Department of Education, State Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley, September 29, 2021, and are posted on the School Board website. Presently, if a student is considered to be a close contact, the parents will have the option to quarantine or opt out of the quarantine as long as the student is symptom free. Employees will have the same option. Those who opt out will report to the nurse every morning, first thing, to be checked for symptoms, including temperature. As long as **no symptoms** are present, students and employees will be allowed to stay at school. "The School Board is happy to have the opportunity to offer an option that allows parents to keep students in school and employees working," commented Mr. Terrell Snelling, Board President.

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