



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

BBHCSD to Go ALL REMOTE Effective November 30th Have a Safe and Enjoyable Thanksgiving

November 20th, 2020

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The BBHCSD will shift to our ALL REMOTE LEARNING model for ALL students effective Monday, November 30th until Friday, December 18th when Winter Break begins. This decision comes after consultation with our teachers union, building administrators and the Board of Education. Our current local numbers and the inability to find substitutes for those staff members who have either tested positive for COVID-19, or who are under a quarantine order, present significant challenges in staffing our buildings. Further, we continue to see positive cases in our high school despite having been remote for a full week. Our middle school has also experienced a surge in staff cases and quarantines, and the same pattern is emerging in our elementary schools. Preschool will also remain in the Remote Learning Model. With no school next week during the Thanksgiving holiday, this measure will effectively keep students and staff away from the physical campus of the District until Monday, January 4th.

The District's proactive measure to go ALL REMOTE from November 30th until we return from Winter Break in January is being instituted so that buildings can be thoroughly and deeply cleaned and to prevent further chance of sickness or quarantine with the coming flu season when absences typically spike in our schools. Such measures were originally included in the BBHCSD's Reset and Restart Plan in August, where our proactive intent was to mitigate as much unnecessary exposure as possible while productively and safely educating our students. Keep in mind, however, the District *will permit* co and extra-curricular activities to resume at the High School on November 30th, and continue at the Middle School, *with parent permission*. Please provide your parental consent to your son or daughter's coach or advisor before this date.

In addition, we will be providing *Grab-and-Go* breakfast and lunch to all enrolled families during the Remote Learning period. If you would like to participate in the breakfast and lunch program, [please sign up using this link](#). Pick up will occur at the High School on Tuesdays and Fridays for ALL students from 11:30- 1 p.m.

Recognizing Symptoms to Prevent Spread

As we all navigate the remainder of the school year, regardless of the learning model the District is in, recognizing some of the health symptoms our team has witnessed at school, and sharing those with you, may be helpful for your family's knowledge and information. Some observations that have been made by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and by our building staff who track our cases, include that symptoms which are being reported among our positive cases have been characterized as mild. Some individual cases reflect cold-like symptoms, such as congestion, mild headache, sore throat and fatigue. We can also share that such symptoms do not last long, approximately 24-48 hours. District cases have not seen high fevers, or severe respiratory symptoms. We understand these are the same symptoms of colds and allergies, but we encourage you to pay attention to them, especially if you or your child have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Remember to keep a

distance of 6-feet, and to wear a mask. Help stop the spread of this virus to protect ourselves and those around us. Please remember that if you have any questions, please contact the BBHCSD, your building, or the [Cuyahoga County Board of Health](#) at 216-201-2000.

Together, We Will Overcome

On behalf of everyone in our school family, this year, more so than ever before, I express my sincerest gratitude to you, for the patience, flexibility and support that's been required of us all to successfully overcome the challenges associated with this unprecedented period of education. We must continue wearing masks. Social distancing must continue to be something we practice, not just say. Hand washing is critical. Following the guidelines of public health officials and organizations will help us succeed our way through this pandemic. And, if we do these things and make the collective commitment to meet the challenges and complexities of the current climate head-on with such proactive steps... then we will unquestionably overcome this pandemic.

I am proud of the poise, positive attitude, and preparedness we have seen thus far, and that we will continue to require, in order to return safely in 2021. Providing a fine heritage of education will continue to be our mission, even if in unprecedented learning environments. I am deeply grateful to you all, for your support.

Have a wonderful, and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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