



Dear Manchester Schools Community,

I hope this message finds you and your family well.

Thank you to our entire school community for your flexibility and support in our return to In-Person and Remote Learning options this Fall. The commitment and diligence that our entire school community has shown throughout this time to keep our students and staff safe has been unbelievable. Thanks also to our entire staff for all of the hard work that went into making this happen.

One of the benefits of the blended learning model is that we can seamlessly move into the remote learning platform as it becomes necessary. We implemented a hybrid model of In-Person and Remote Learning instruction so that we could monitor public health data and control the COVID-19 risk for our families and community. Unfortunately, given the current rise in new community cases in our area coupled with the new instances of positive cases of COVID-19, multiple quarantines, and exposures within the district, we have decided, out of an abundance of caution, to transition the Manchester Community Schools to the Remote Learning platform for all students beginning November 16, 2020.

The district will be making the following modifications to our return to learn plan:

- All Manchester Jr./Sr. High School students will begin their Remote Learning engagement **this Thursday, November 12th and continue in that mode of instruction through Friday, November 27th, with a potential return for In-Person students to school on Monday, November 30th. This would mean that these students would be in the Remote Learning mode of instruction for nine instructional days leading into the Thanksgiving Break of No School on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th.** MHS Students will have Tuesday, November 10th to secure all technology, books, locker materials that they might need for this two and one-half weeks of Remote Learning.

- Luther C. Klager Elementary and Riverside Intermediate will complete this week, the week of November 9th in-person at school and begin their two weeks (both In-Person and Remote Learning) of Remote Learning **on Monday, November 16th. This would mean that these students would be in the Remote Learning mode of instruction for seven instructional days leading into the Thanksgiving Break of No School on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th.** Klager and Riverside will have the remainder of this week, the Week of November 9th, to secure all technology, books, locker materials, etc. that they might need for this two weeks of Remote Learning. This week will be used to check in with students and plan for a smooth transition back to remote learning. We are also hoping that this gives our parents and families this week to coordinate child-care and daycare options for their students.

We will continue to monitor COVID-19 data closely and will remain remote until at least November 30. Our team will determine if it's safe to return on that date or if we need to remain remote. We will notify families if there is a change to the timeline for return. Please look for follow up communications later this week. We'll also be sharing athletic, food service, and transportation updates later this week as well.

**This Remote Learning window is NOT a closure of school.** We will continue with our Remote Learning platform via Google Classroom, assigning grades and assessments, and have school.

This is not where we hoped to be at this time. The common trend in Washtenaw County is that COVID-19 positive cases, quarantines, and hospitalizations are on the rise and increasing daily. It is our intention that by returning to the remote environment, we will do our part in mitigating the continued spread of this pandemic while maintaining our priorities. The best way to ensure a quick return to face to face instruction is by following public health guidance like minimizing contacts outside your household, wearing a face covering when you do have contacts outside your household, and washing your hands frequently.

Our thoughts and complete support go out to anyone directly impacted by COVID-19. This virus has caused a great deal of stress and anxiety for so many. We appreciate the compassion, kindness, and understanding that everyone has shared with our school community and one another. Please let us know if you need anything.

With all of you and your families in mind,

Dr. Bezeau

Superintendent

Manchester Community Schools