

Good Afternoon,

I want to take a moment to give you a preview of the discussion at tonight's Board of Education meeting. In short, I will be recommending the following:

- Remote instruction for the entire district from January 4th-8th.
- K-5 returns with Plan A (all students in person on January 11th)
- 6-8 returns with Hybrid Plan B (Cohort A on January 11th)
- 9-12 remains remote until January 25th, return with Hybrid Plan B (Cohort A on January 25th)

There are a number of considerations that support this recommendation: The number of students and staff who are traveling over break and who will be required to quarantine, combined with our already stretched ability to staff our buildings necessitates taking the district remote only January 4th-8th. This is also recommended in anticipation of a period of historical increases in illness amongst both students and staff in the period following Winter Break. In addition, stricter COVID-19 Department of Health Protocols will impact our ability to staff buildings during this period. A reminder that the travel quarantine has been reduced to 10 days instead of 14.

I am recommending GLHS remain remote until January 25th, the start of the second semester, for all of the above reasons and the fact that the majority of GLHS students have opted for remote instruction. It is our hope that by going full remote for this period of time we will be able to return to hybrid instruction for the second semester with as many of the students in building as possible.

In other news, our Director of Elementary and Intervention, Marybeth Kopacz has designed a K-5 resource page to help students who are struggling with the hybrid model or who just need some extra help or who want to push their learning further. You can find it [here](#).

Unfortunately, over the weekend we learned of a few more covid cases. We wish everyone a speedy recovery.

New Cases (since 12/18 update)		
School	Staff/Student	Result
MKM	1 Staff Member	Last day in School 12/15 No in-school exposure
CMS	1 Staff Member	Close contacts notified
GLHS	1 Student	Student is fully remote No in-school exposure
GLHS	1 Student	Last day in school 12/4 No in-school exposure

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Please be safe and take every precaution- especially if you have to travel.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melissa Varley