

December 18, 2020

Good afternoon,

We wanted to remind all of our families that next week is a short week due to the upcoming school vacation, and there are a few dates to note. On this coming Tuesday, December 22, there will be a district-wide festive clothing day. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday clothing whether they participate in-person or remote on this day. Wednesday, December 23, will follow an early release day schedule. All students are scheduled for remote learning on this day. All schools will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Student schedules can be found on each school's portal.

Returning from school vacation in a hybrid model

Students are scheduled to return from school vacation on Monday, January 4, 2021. Upon their return, our schools will continue to follow our hybrid learning model. This hybrid model is currently scheduled to continue through January 18. There are no changes to the way hybrid learning is scheduled -- it is the same format we are currently using. Students whose last names begin with A - K will attend in-person learning on Mondays and Tuesdays. Students whose last names begin with L - Z will attend in-person on Thursdays and Fridays. All students will continue to learn remotely on Wednesdays. Parents continue to have the option to have their students learn fully remote. Some of our students with additional services will continue with their current schedule as previously messaged by Dr. Tudryn last week.

If any families would like to change the learning model for their children (in-person to remote or remote to in-person) we ask you to contact the main office of your child's school. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

Important COVID-19 testing and quarantine information

Parents, please ensure you have updated your school nurse if your child tested positive for COVID-19 or is self-quarantining based on an exposure to ensure that school nurses have accurate information. If your child is tested for COVID-19 -- whether it be COVID-19 testing for travel or for illness -- your child cannot return to school until their school has received the results of their COVID-19 test.

We also need to remind families that anyone who travels to a state listed on the Governor's travel advisory must quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to school. Please check the CT travel ban website (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>). The states under travel advisory are color-coded in red. If the state turns red while you are traveling, you must quarantine before returning to school.

Following these protocols are critical to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and we ask that you not return to school after travel without observing the quarantine. Thank you for your assistance.

We had two positive student cases at Broad Brook School since the last parent update. In addition, there was one staff positive case at the Broad Brook School building. None of the positive cases had any close contacts. Our current practice is to notify anyone personally who is determined to be a close contact. Anyone who is not a close contact will need to continue to utilize the same mitigation strategies as we do every day - mask wearing, hand washing, and maintaining personal space as able. We continue to monitor our ventilation systems as well as clean and disinfect our buildings. At this time, the Department of Public Health is delayed in notification to districts but we have had one case reported this week.

Parents are encouraged to reach out to their child's teachers or building administrators if their child is disengaged from their school work during the pandemic. We want to collaborate with you to support your child. We ask if you receive a phone call or email from a teacher or administrator, please respond as soon as

you are able. We realize that families are very busy but would love to work with families to keep our students successful in their academics.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a truly relaxing winter break. I hope everyone is able to make the best of this holiday season.

Take care!

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