



December 29, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we enter the new calendar year, the state-designated orange zone for six of our schools remains in place. Our plan to reopen grade 5-12 schools continues to move forward, with the High School returning to in-person hybrid instruction on Monday, January 4, and the Middle and Intermediate schools on Thursday, January 7. If you have a child in grades 5-12 returning to in-person hybrid instruction, please make sure you have submitted the completed COVID-19 testing form so that we may meet state requirements for testing in an orange zone upon these schools' return next week.

The district administration and staff look forward to students in all grade levels returning to hybrid instruction in the new calendar year. In order to keep our schools open, we must remind everyone of the importance of following safety precautions including avoiding gatherings and unnecessary outings, maintaining at least six feet of distance when out, washing hands thoroughly and often, and wearing masks properly. When our schools return to hybrid instruction, as an additional precaution throughout January we will have everyone wearing masks at all times, except for teacher-directed mask breaks when safe to do so. This will help our schools limit the effects of any post-holiday surge in positive cases so that we can maintain an environment that is as safe as possible.

We wish everyone a safe, happy 2021. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools