



Message to Families: Return to School

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Information received this morning has indicated we can return to instruction. I am confident that we can safely resume instruction and as a result, **we will return to in-person instruction tomorrow, Friday, February 19.** Friday was scheduled to be a Professional Development day for staff and a non-school day. We will use today, Thursday, February 18 as our Professional Day and Friday as a day of instruction. As this is a change, please communicate with the office if your children will not be in attendance.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have made changes to our schedule throughout the year. I know that you are frustrated with sudden change, but decisions are made from the information available at the time. We continue to gather information with each of the issues that arise and make the best decision to ensure the safety of our students and staff. It has been and continues to be our goal to have in-person instruction disrupted as little as possible. That goal is balanced with the need to make sure we can provide in-person instruction in a safe manner for students and staff. Our latest issue created a different scenario than we had faced in the past. I made the decision to close school and wait for additional information because of the possibility of contact with a greater number of staff and students.

I have received questions about our calendar for the remainder of the year. We will be working with the Wisconsin Department of Instruction on a waiver for minutes of instruction. Currently, there are no plans to alter our scheduled break at Easter or add days to the end of our school year.

A reminder, the school vans will be in use and unavailable to transport students after school tomorrow. Arrangements have been made for those students to ride the bus. Students will be dropped off at the site currently used on days they ride the van.

Please remember that if your children are sick, they should not be at school. Any students or staff members experiencing illnesses with symptoms resembling those of coronavirus should contact their healthcare provider.

Again, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding. Please know I appreciate all you are doing to help get through a challenging time.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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