

Dear River Bend Families,

12-10-20

Thank you all for doing such a great job notifying and working with us during and after the Thanksgiving break. Thankfully, since returning, we have not seen huge numbers of positive Covid cases. Your efforts to mask, wash hands, closely monitor symptoms, and social distance has really helped keep us in session.

The post-Thanksgiving plan worked well and a similar plan will be used the week following the Christmas break.

Monday, January 4th is a planned teacher inservice. **No student attendance**

Tuesday, January 5th - Friday, January 8th, 2021:

PreK: hybrid schedule using Anchor/Boat Days

K-5th Grade: full on-site daily attendance

6th-12th Grade: hybrid schedule using Anchor/Boat Days

During the holiday break, we will monitor Covid case outbreaks in Fulton/Albany and Whiteside County. If health officials determine closing schools or limiting on-site practices, a decision to modify our post-Christmas Break plan will be updated and shared as soon as possible.

On-site Rapid Covid Testing-Starting on Monday, December 14th rapid antigen testing will be available for students and staff who are symptomatic and agree to testing. Attached to this email is a letter explaining the details for the rapid testing. Please note that following a rapid test an additional PCR swab test may be required to confirm the rapid test results. The rapid tests will provide a few more answers to test positivity results, and allow students to return sooner, but when symptoms continue to be present, rapid testing will not clear a student or staff member.

Length of School Day- At present we still have about 100 families/students who continue to attend school fully remote. This requires us to support these families and continue to end the day at 1:15 PM. The District has also used this time to support learners who need additional small group or one-to-one support. When it becomes possible to extend the school day beyond 1:15 PM, we will begin planning and share those details.

As the Christmas and New Year Holidays are just around the corner, I want to wish each of you the very best and safest of days. Please continue to mask, social distance, wash hands, and monitor symptoms closely so that we can have a successful start to the 2021 school year. With a vaccine just around the corner, I am hopeful that better days are in sight.

Enjoy the holiday season,

Darryl Hogue