

McGuffey School District

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Dear McGuffey School District Families and Community,

Good afternoon, I find myself saying this all the time, but there is no manual or playbook for the unprecedented times we are living through. When planning as your superintendent my primary focus is and will always be on what is best for students. I believe the highest quality of instruction is provided in a face-to-face setting and would love nothing more to provide that type of instruction each day of the week. Due to COVID-19 we have had to make sacrifices in our personal lives in order to help ensure the safety of all stakeholders of our district. I know these sacrifices have taken a physical, mental, and emotional toll on each and every one of us. With positive cases, contacts and close contacts on the rise and the uncertainty that each day brings it is time we made a pivot and be proactive about moving forward as a school district.

Henceforth, Friday, December 11 will be our last day of hybrid learning before the winter break. Next week, December 14-18 we will be in full remote learning. All students should attend school as if it were a Wednesday in the hybrid model we have grown accustomed to. While our classrooms will be closed for instructional purposes, our campuses will remain open to help with the internet access gap our families so often experience. Our facilities will remain available to our staff members in order facilitate the educational process. In addition, Monday December 21 will be the first day of Winter Break and we will remain on break until Monday, January 11. This will be an additional 8 days added to the Winter Break which will be made up using 5 make-up days and adding an additional 3 days to the school calendar at the end of the year.

Grab and go meals will be provided from the High School Monday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 16. All extracurricular activities will remain in effect until further notice.

This was not an easy decision, but one that is made with an abundance of caution concerning the safety and health of students, families, and staff. Thank you again for entrusting your students with us.

Kind regards,

Andrew Oberg, Ed.D.

Superintendent