

As we are heading into Thanksgiving Break, I want to take a moment and give some updates to the staff and our community.

First, I want to let everyone know how proud I am of the staff and students for how they have handled this year so far. The students clearly show they want to be in school, and have done everything they can to support this.

With that said, the community spread in Wood County and Ohio is intense right now. It is getting harder and harder to maintain what we are doing, and the purpose of this letter is to make sure parents have plans (i.e. childcare, internet, etc.) ready in case we have to make a change in our schooling approach moving forward.

Therefore, the plan right now is to return on Monday, November 30th and try to maintain our current plan of 5 days a week. I would love to get to Christmas, but that goal is getting more difficult. If numbers rise any more, our plan will be to announce at that time to switch our mode of delivery. We could use the red (full remote) or yellow (hybrid) plans based on what we feel is best at the time of decision. I am trying to be as transparent as possible with what decisions that might be coming. If we get an up-tick of cases over Thanksgiving Break, we may have to switch our delivery mode sooner. Everything is being considered right now.

If we decide that we are going to the yellow-hybrid plan, our goal is to get the Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday/Friday student groupings out in plenty of time for families to plan. The hybrid plan is based on the first half of a bus route as one grouping and the back half of the route as the second grouping. This makes it easier on our drivers to pick up students safely. Students who do not ride the bus will be used to balance out the two groups.

In conclusion, please start to make a plan for your children if the school has to switch our mode of instruction. The better plan the parents have now, the easier the transition will be if we have to make a change.

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