

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STEUBEN COUNTY

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Dear Families and Staff Members,

I am writing this letter to inform you that the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County is implementing virtual learning district-wide for all students beginning Monday, November 16, 2020. It will continue through Thanksgiving Break with in-person instruction available to our students beginning on Monday, November 30, 2020. The schools will be closed to the students during the virtual learning period so our staff members can focus their efforts on remote learning.

While COVID-19 cases are increasing in the community, our staff has done an outstanding job of keeping it out of our schools. Protecting the students has been their top priority. The primary reason for the transition to virtual learning is to continue to keep everyone safe. More and more of our staff members are being directly affected by COVID-19 related issues each day. They always put the needs of their students above their own needs. It is time that they take care of themselves. I just do not want to see a single person jeopardize his or her health when I know that virtual learning is a proven method to safely and effectively deliver quality instruction to our students.

Additional information will be sent to you by your school before the end of the week. You will also be receiving information later today from our food service department. Please take advantage of the opportunity to pick up nutritional meals for your children. You will need to pre-order the meals in advance.

We are definitely in this together as we navigate our way through the rest of the school year. The seven days of virtual learning combined with Thanksgiving Break is exactly what we need to reset and prepare for the three weeks of in-person instruction between Thanksgiving Break and Christmas Break. I can assure you that the safety of the students and staff members will always be my top priority.

Thank you once again for your support of our school district.

Sincerely,



Brent A. Wilson
Superintendent