



January 1, 2021

Families,

I want to let you know that we have made another significant change to the school calendar. I am very happy to announce the new change! In an additional attachment on the website, the new calendar is available and states from January 4, 2021, to January 8, 2021, we will operate in a remote learning environment. Then, on January 11th, we will return to Every Student, Every Day. All students will return to face-to-face instruction on the 11th, and we hope to maintain that model through the remainder of the school year.

You may ask why the change to return to face-to-face instruction. First and foremost, we have always shared that we teach hands-on and this instruction is done best in our building using our technology, equipment and supplies. Secondly, on Wednesday, December 30th, Governor DeWine spoke at a news conference and later tweeted the following information:

“Earlier this year, we pledged to look at the rate of COVID transmission in schools. Prelim results from Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation Team found if students in class are masked/distanced, they did not have an increased risk of catching the virus from a nearby positive student.”

“Because of the data we now have, we’re changing our guidance and are no longer recommending that students who have been exposed to another COVID+ student quarantine - as long as all students have been wearing masks and the exposure took place in a classroom setting.”

Additionally, on Thursday, December 31st, it was revealed that Medina County remains in Red on the Coronavirus Advisory System.

We look forward to seeing all of our students and staff in the building on January 11th!

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and flexibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Chrisman".

Steven Chrisman