

Update from the Allegan County Superintendent's Association October 22, 2020

Dear Allegan County Families,

As superintendents proudly representing and serving the school districts of Allegan County, we first want to acknowledge your extraordinary patience during these difficult times. Your understanding during this pandemic has been critical in keeping our schools safe.

We also recognize that the holidays are coming and along with them many family and social gatherings. We want to stress the importance of continuing to follow CDC guidelines during any celebratory activities. These guidelines include wearing masks, social distancing, and frequent hand washing.

While safety remains our number one priority, we also acknowledge the important role schools serve for our broader community. Schools are vital in meeting the academic, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of students and families. We must do everything we can to keep schools safe and open.

The actions we all take in the next few months will have a direct impact on our schools. Various parts of the country and the state of Michigan are seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases. This could lead to the implementation of a virtual instructional model, either periodically through intermittent building closures or for an extended period of time, until cases decline. Following mitigation protocols now, and throughout the upcoming holiday season, will help us keep students in school later.

Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19.

On behalf of the students and communities we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Education,



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