



FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Educational Excellence, Community Atmosphere, Global Vision"

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FENNVILLE, MICHIGAN 49408

Greetings Fennville Families:

1-8-21

We trust you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and we are eager for students to return to school. We are excited to have the high school students return and see the completed construction of classrooms, the media center, and the new student services area.

The week of remote learning following the winter break has proven to be effective in limiting the exposure to COVID-19 in the school environment. There have been students and staff members in quarantine or isolation this week because of exposure or contracting this disease. Thankfully because we opted for a week of remote learning, there have been no cases of exposure on campus for the past three weeks. The buildings and buses have been cleaned and sanitized in preparation for the return of students on Monday, January 11.

On Friday afternoon Governor Whitmer held a press conference where she encouraged all schools across Michigan to begin offering an in-person option for students by March 1, 2021. I am proud that Fennville Public Schools successfully implemented the safety protocols to hold in-person instruction since the beginning of the school year and in-person summer classes prior to that. This success grows out of the support from our Fennville families to keep sick students out of school and to promptly notify the school of illness so contract tracing could be completed. The safety protocols and quality indoor air handling systems have contributed to limiting the spread of COVID-19 when a positive case was identified in the school.

Fennville will continue offering in-person learning and a full-time remote learning option for students for second semester beginning on January 25. The remote learning option will be through our partnership with the Virtual Academy of Allegan County (VAAC) only. The "temporary" remote option that was offered for individual students by Fennville classroom teachers for first semester will end on January 22. Those who wish to make a change from VAAC to in-person or from in-person to VAAC at the semester break should notify the building office immediately so the staff can make the necessary schedule changes.

The key to our continued success in keeping our school buildings open is to keep illness out of the building in the first place. Please assess your child(ren) prior to leaving home. Symptoms to be watching for are (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness)

1. Temperature 100.4 or higher signs of fever (chills/sweating)
2. Sore throat
3. Uncontrolled cough
4. Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
5. Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
6. Severe headache
7. Loss of taste or smell

It is recommended that your child be tested for COVID-19 if they get any of these symptoms. You can call 2-1-1 or go to www.michigan.gov/coronavirustest for testing locations.

Sincerely,

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