

Greetings to all Voyageurs Families/Students,

Thank you for all the support you've shown us as we enter into this new school year. The staff and the students have been working hard to try and make the best out of our new way of doing school.

We've been monitoring the ever increasing numbers of COVID cases in our community and have been in discussion with other local schools, the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Education and the Beltrami County Department of Health.

I do want to make you aware that continued high numbers of COVID cases may force us to change to an Online Learning model sometime in the near future. In that case, all students would be working from home for a period of time. We will be having a Special Board meeting on Monday, Oct 19th at 5:30pm for the purpose of reviewing current data and as well as other information concerning the health/safety of our students/staff. Current number trends are just one part of the considerations that will be reviewed. We will also be looking at the aspects of if this issue is affecting our ability to maintain our educational model. If we do change to an Online model there might be only a few days notice. This will be part of the Board conversation next Monday in which you are welcome to participate.

During Online Learning there would still be the expectation that your student would be attending classes as they exist now. The daily schedule would not change and we are also looking at a modified schedule on Wednesdays in which classes would be shortened to allow for more work time. Please make plans with your student/family as to how this would affect your home schedules.

I also ask that you continue to be mindful of wearing masks, social distancing and monitoring your families health. Doing these things can help lower our local numbers which in turn can help keep our kids in our school buildings.

Stay Safe,

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