



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this update finds you and the members of your family well. I also want to share my appreciation for your continued flexibility and support as we continue to navigate these challenging times. This update is sent to announce two significant upcoming changes at BCCS in the next few weeks.

As many are aware, at the Governor's press conference Sunday evening the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced a three-week emergency order that limits indoor gatherings to include holding in-person instruction for Michigan High Schools. Beginning Wednesday, we will join all High Schools in moving to a remote learning venue through December 8th. This includes KCTC that will also move to remote instruction. However, please note the three week move to remote instruction will not include grades K-8 for BCCS students at this time (see below).

As we continue to partner with KCHD, we closely monitor COVID related cases in our school. In the last couple weeks we have seen a rise in COVID-related cases in the school community: increased testing of close contacts, increased numbers of students/staff in quarantine, and an increase in positive cases.

As a further mitigation strategy, our school will move to remote learning for all grades on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24. All Students will be expected to attend flexible/non-synchronized lessons on both days. Please know, this strategy also gives our school a chance to initiate and gain feedback on digital remote learning at the K-5 level. Detailed information will be provided later this week for each level. This will include information about the breakfast and lunch program through BCPS.

I am hopeful that all members of the BCCS School Community follow the guidance from the MDHHS over the upcoming holidays. While we all must be vigilant in reducing the risk, we believe these strategies will increase the likelihood of a successful return after the Thanksgiving holiday. Regardless, our school will continue to monitor the data and work with local health agencies to make decisions that best protect the safety, health and welfare of our students, staff and families.

Once again, I extend a genuine appreciation for your continued understanding and support. Further clarifying information for each level will be shared later this week.

With Care,

Mark R. Kasmer,

BCCS Chief Administrative Officer