



December 4, 2020

Dear Sullivan County Schools Families,

At a special called meeting of the School Board on December 3, 2020, the board voted that all in-person learning will transition to online learning, beginning on December 7, 2020 and will continue through January 18, 2021, unless determined otherwise by the Board. This change in our schedule became necessary due to the significant amount of community spread of COVID 19 that has now come into our schools, forcing the quarantining and isolation of a critical number of our staff and students.

Students who are currently enrolled in, or who will begin the second semester in the Virtual Learning Academy are unaffected by this decision.

High School students will continue and complete their End of Course assessments in person according to the testing schedules developed by their home high schools.

Individual schools will be in touch with families and students to address any specific information concerning materials, devices, etc. Also, we will resume the remote feeding program that was in effect earlier this year, where meals will be provided for pick up at schools and delivery to homes via school buses on Tuesdays and Fridays. Additional information will come separately from our Food Service Office and/or your home school.

I want to take this opportunity to share a plea with you from the Sullivan County Regional Health Department, asking that we all work hard and diligently to minimize the community spread of COVID 19 by consistently:

- Wearing a mask over the mouth and nose in public
- Maintaining a distance of 6 feet from others in public
- Practicing frequent hand washing/sanitizing
- Avoiding crowds or larger gatherings

Let's all do our part to significantly reduce the spread of COVID 19 so that we can resume our in-person learning in January.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Cox
Director of Schools