

Superintendent's message

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I'm composing this message during a quiet moment of the winter break. My office is usually a busy, active place; but right now it's quiet and peaceful. The calm before the storm? Who knows. What I want to share with you is news about our future efforts in 2021. We will be returning to our remote instructional model on January 4th, 2021. However, we are determined to return to our in-person instructional model as soon as we can safely arrange to do so. In consultation with our Jefferson County Public Health Department, we'll begin to chart a course to in-person instruction sometime in January. If the community infection rate remains low; we'll push to bring back in-person instruction the week of January 19-22nd (MLK holiday week). The community infection rate coming out of the holiday season will dictate how soon we can return to our hybrid, blended learning model. As we return to in-person instruction; we'll be looking for opportunities to expand our in-person opportunities safely. The vaccination process for the community will further support a growing sense of safety for our teachers, staff and families. Realistic projections show us returning to a near normal situation by the summer of 2021. This bodes well for the 2021-22 school year! However, in the meantime we'll need to protect ourselves against letting our guard down with COVID-19. The pandemic is still raging around the world. And right here at home.

Best wishes for a more promising new year!

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