



November 20, 2020

Hello Norse Nation:

In our ever changing environment, an update to our School Community felt very warranted. First, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents, guardians, loved ones, and greater community for supporting our efforts. We are all working together so well - I am incredibly proud and grateful! We all know this is not ideal and not what we desire. However, we will continue to address the Physical Safety, Mental Wellbeing, and Academic Advancement of our students as we navigate forward.

The following timeline addresses our **UPDATED** plan:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL

Monday, November 23 through Tuesday, December 8 (please note Nov. 24th is a half day)

- NME will operate via remote learning. Your child's teachers will share specifics and questions can be directed to the teacher and/or building principal as needed.
- Prior to Friday, December 4th a communication will be out notifying all of the Instructional Model to be used starting Wednesday, December 9th.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Monday, November 23 through Monday, January 4th (please note Nov. 24th is a half day)

- NMMS/HS will operate via remote learning. Your student's teachers will share specifics and questions can be directed to the teacher and/or building principal as needed.
- Prior to Friday, January 1st a communication will be out notifying all of the Instructional Model to be used starting Monday, January 4th.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Athletics:

We are currently working with our conference schools and others to determine our plan. Please watch for additional information to come out as soon as it is available. We completely understand the value of extra curricular activities to the mental wellbeing of our students. Thus, we take the decision on athletics very seriously.

Food Distribution:

Please plan on food distribution to take place on Thursday, December 3rd - 10am - Noon and 4pm - 6pm in the Flex Center off Moulton.

This plan is designed to allow us to focus on teaching and learning while allowing for a consistent learning delivery model versus the potential of bouncing back and forth between learning models.

We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving! We caringly and thoughtfully request that everyone does their part to help us return to more face-to-face schooling. We all need to be on the same page relative to mitigation strategies. There seems to be no other way for us to move forward; wear a mask, social/physical distance, keep your and your child's in-person social circle small, and wash hands regularly.

This paragraph was from the last communication and still fits today - Norse Education Family, now more than ever, we need to look out for each other! I am asking you to please stay positive, caring, trusting, compassionate, and healthy. Please watch for additional information as it is available.

We will get through this TOGETHER!

Take care,
Dr. Babcock