



March 26, 2021

Hello Norse Nation:

Well, the communication piece I was hopeful not to have to send prior to Spring Break is occurring. Starting last week and increasing greatly this week there has been a new Covid uptick in our community and thus impacting our school. We are still in the process of contact tracing. However, we currently have approximately 10% of our student body impacted with a positive test and/or quarantine mandate, have several families pending test results, others leaving each day this week with symptoms that may or may not get tests, and an increasing number choosing to keep their student(s) home for safety precautions. With all of these variables and nothing providing the signal that it will change in the very near future, **we have made the decision to go to our Remote Learning Model for next week Monday - Wednesday**. Thursday there will not be school and will begin our Spring Break session. This plan is designed to allow us to focus on teaching and learning, rather than on COVID and contact tracing.

Please know, this decision was not made lightly and we fully understand the challenges it poses. I appreciate all of the input we have received from health leadership, staff, our community, and Board.

The following timeline addresses our plan:

Monday, March 29 through Wednesday, March 31

NMPS 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.

Thursday, April 1 through Sunday, April 11

NMPS will be on Spring Break.

Monday, April 12

We tentatively plan to return to our current system, mirroring what we've done to this point. Further information will follow during Spring Break and closer to our hopeful return.

Our behaviors over Spring Break are crucial to our return to what we all want - our kids in our school learning with their teachers and staff. 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.

Other Impacts:

- Our 2 winter sports teams still involved will move forward with our set safety protocol in place. They will be the only students allowed in the athletic facility next week.
- All spring Sports will be required to participate outdoors only with safety protocols (including after April 2nd the mandated rapid testing) in place.
- Childcare will be following up with families on their plan.

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.

We will get through this TOGETHER! Take care of yourselves and your loved ones!

Dr. Babcock

SCHEDULES FOR EACH BUILDING ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

EXAMPLE Elementary Schedule (more detail will come from your teacher):

North Muskegon Elementary EXAMPLE For Fully Remote Learning Schedule				
Monday March 29	Tuesday March 30	Wednesday March 31	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:30 (S) Arrival, Check-in, & "What I Need Now" (WINN)	8:00-8:30 (S) Arrival, Check-in, & "What I Need Now" (WINN)	8:00 - 8:30 (S) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival, Check-in, and Plan for the Day 8:30 - 1:45 (A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asynchronous learning Tutoring Small group interventions and/or experiences Enrichment learning opportunities 	<i>No School</i>	<i>No School</i>
8:30-9:30 (A/S) Reading and ELA	8:30-9:30 (A/S) Reading and ELA			
9:30-10:00 (A) Snack Break/"Recess"	9:30-10:00 (A) Snack Break/"Recess"			
10:00-11:00 (S/A) Math	10:00-11:00 (S/A) Math			
11:00-11:15 (S) Social/Emotional Learning (SEL)	11:00-11:15 (S) Social/Emotional Learning (SEL)			
11:15-12:00 (A/S) Specials	11:15-12:00 (A/S) Specials			
12:00-1:00 (S/A) Check-ins, Lunch, "Lunch Recess"	12:00-1:00 (S/A) Check-ins, Lunch, "Lunch Recess"			
1:00-1:30 (A/S) Science & Social Studies	1:00-1:30 (A/S) Science & Social Studies			
1:30-1:45 (S) Check-ins, WINN, & Dismissal	1:30-1:45 (S) Check-ins, WINN, & Dismissal			
<i>Teacher Preparation for Remote Teaching and Learning (1:45-3:00)</i>	<i>Teacher Preparation for Remote Teaching and Learning (1:45-3:00)</i>	<i>Teacher Preparation for Remote Teaching and Learning (1:45-3:00)</i>		

MS/HS Schedule:

North Muskegon MS/HS Fully Remote Learning Schedule				
Monday March 29	Tuesday March 30	Wednesday* March 31	Thursday	Friday
<i>Teacher Preparation for Remote Teaching and Learning (7:45 - 9:10)</i>	<i>Teacher Preparation for Remote Teaching and Learning (7:45 - 9:10)</i>	<i>Teacher Preparation for Remote Teaching and Learning (7:45 - 9:10)</i>	<i>No school</i>	<i>No school</i>
First Period (9:10-10:05)	First Period (9:10-10:05)	Required attendance at 9:10 and at teacher request later in the day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asynchronous learning Tutoring Small group interventions Enrichment learning opportunities 		
10 Minute Break	10 Minute Break			
Second Period (10:15-11:10)	Second Period (10:15-11:10)			
10 Minute Break	10 Minute Break			
Third Period (11:20-12:15)	Third Period (11:20-12:15)			
Lunch Break: (12:15-12:45)	Lunch Break: (12:15-12:45)			
Fourth Period (12:45-1:40)	Fourth Period (12:45-1:40)			
10 Minute Break	10 Minute Break			
Fifth Period (1:50-2:45)	Fifth Period (1:50-2:45)			

The expectations of fully virtual learning in March of 2021 are the same as they were in December 2020 - earlier in this school year.