

Updates from the District Office

January 14, 2021

Dear BSCSD Parents and Caregivers:

As we continue to experience increases in students and staff testing positive (34 since last Friday) and quarantining (130 since last Friday), we no longer have the staff needed to reopen for in-person learning next week. As a result, **we will remain fully remote for all grades January 19 – January 22, 2021.**

We will maintain the same exceptions that were in place this week including:

1. **PTech** – Our senior PTech students will still attend their Clean Tech ECHS program at the HVCC Malta Campus.
2. **BOCES CTE** – Students will still attend their program and will be on a Friday transportation schedule.
3. **Out-of-District Placements** – Students will continue to be transported.

In addition:

1. **Childcare** – For families who are enrolled in our Free and Reduced Price Lunch program or who are in our McKinney Vento Program, you have received an email with options for child care should you need it. Please respond to the email as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.
2. **Food Service** – Our food service continues to prepare [FREE meals for all students](#) in the district. Families are able to pick up at Gordon Creek Elementary School twice a week. Next Monday the schools are closed in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 18, 2021 so the district will provide several breakfast and lunch meals for pickup on both **Tuesday, January 19 and Thursday, January 21**. Families may pick up meals at the front entrance to the Gordon Creek Elementary School (on Rt 67 just west of the village) between 1:15 – 2:15pm.
3. **Reporting of Cases** – For our ongoing numbers of positive cases, please see the District's [COVID-19 Report Card](#) that is updated each afternoon. During our remote learning period, we will not be reporting the daily cases in each building and program area, but will be contacting any families who may be impacted by positive cases. Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services will then follow up with you on specific details. Please understand that there may well be cases that you are aware of that we are not yet and we ask that you continue to utilize our COVIDreport@bscsd.org mailbox to report cases and quarantining to us.

I will update you by or before Friday, January 22 regarding our plans for reopening on Monday, January 25.

Finally, please continue to [stay vigilant](#), particularly during the long weekend ahead in mask wearing, social distancing, avoiding large crowds, completing all portions of the Pinpoint screener each day including temperature checks, and practicing hand and mouth hygiene as these are the critical steps that will keep us all healthy thereby allowing our schools to open on January 25.

Thanks very much.

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