



MIDLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Mr. Sean Tanner, Superintendent
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Dear Midland Families:

After careful consideration with the Midland Borough School District Board of Directors, I am writing to you today to notify the MBSD community that we have made the difficult decision to continue remote learning through Friday, January 8, 2021. We were hoping to return to hybrid learning this month but with the rise in Covid-19 cases, felt it best to remain remote learning for the health and safety of our students, their families, and our faculty and staff.

As of this date, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has indicated the level of community transmission of COVID-19 in Beaver County has increased to 10.9%. This level of community transmission places Beaver County in the "Substantial Level". When a county is in the "Substantial Level" for two consecutive weeks, the Pennsylvania Department of Education recommends for schools to move to fully remote instruction.

The District Board of Education and administration will continue to monitor the District and county COVID-19 data and update families when necessary.

Please understand that during remote instruction, student attendance is mandatory except for the days when students are excused for the winter break. Instruction will continue to be delivered and assignments and assessments will be graded. It is imperative that your child is attending school daily and participates during remote instruction.

We are continuing every effort to keep the MBSD students and staff safe and to mitigate the risk of contracting COVID-19. You can help us with these efforts by monitoring your child's health and communicating with your family physician when symptoms necessitate additional scrutiny. During remote instruction, we are asking that you contact our school nurse, Ms. Beth Calahan, at 724-643-8650 ext. 215 or 724-508-3276 and notify her of any changes in your child's health or if you have any question or concerns.

Meals will continue to be available for children while school is in session and a schedule will be posted on the District's website and Facebook page. Please remember we will be providing meal kits for *all* children ages 18 and under and you will need to pre-order them for pick-up at the school. Contact Yvette Jester at 724-643-8650 ext. 238 for further details.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we navigate through this time together. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school office at 724-643-8650. Please stay safe and take care.

Very truly yours,

Sean D. Tanner
Superintendent

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