

Mt. Blue Regional School District

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Dear RSU 9 Community,

As stated in our recent notification, all of our schools will be in a full remote model next week from 1/19/21 through 1/22/21. We will return to our hybrid in-person learning model on 1/25/21. We made this determination based on staffing that was affected by the recent COVID-19 positive case. Please know that our schools are safe, and they have been cleaned per CDC guidelines.

As we considered the implications of our district-wide school closures, we wanted to share details on how we intend to provide instruction and services, including educational models by grade span and meal availability. We have asked teachers to contact students directly via our variety of platforms (email, Google Classroom, and Seesaw). We know that there will be questions, and we ask that you contact your teachers directly for clarification. We also ask for your patience as we turn to our full remote learning model for the first time district-wide.

We also discussed the concerns that may arise due to our circumstances. We understand that there may be questions that have not been addressed. However, we must maximize the confidential nature of personal health information, and it is important that we maintain the privacy of all involved.

PreK-12 Remote Learning Plan by Grade Spans:

- **Grades 6-12:** Please plan to proceed with the school's remote schedule. Teachers will be communicating with you via email or Google Classroom. Please contact your teachers or schools with any follow up questions.
- **Grades K-5:** Please refer to our [Remote Plan for Elementary Hybrid Students](#) and our schedule below for next week (for full remote and hybrid students).
 - January 19th: Remote Learning Transition Day (Students will be working independently and remotely on their storm packs.)
 - Tech support for families will be available. Please stay tuned for details.
 - January 20th-22nd: Full Remote Learning
 - On the "live" (in person) days, students will be in Zoom classes with their teachers.
 - On the independent learning days, students will be completing work as instructed by their teachers.
- **PreK:** Teachers will be in contact with their families regarding work expectations and any assistance they can provide.

Meal Services:

Tuesday: Please use your emergency storm packs.

Meal Pick Up Wednesday-Friday: Meals may be picked up at the following locations between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. There is no need to pre-order meals for pick-up.

- Mt. Blue High School - Ring buzzer at door 14.
- Academy Hill School - Ring buzzer at door 10 (back parking lot).
- Mt. Blue Middle School - Kitchen door back parking lot facing ball fields (look for signs)
- Cape Cod Hill School - Kitchen door to left of pellet silo

Meal Delivery Wednesday-Friday: If you are unable to pick up meals, we will get them to you. Please call 207-779-9720 beginning Tuesday 1/19 to schedule home delivery. Orders may also be emailed to foodservice@mtbluersd.org. Please provide the following information if emailing:

- Parent/Guardian name
- Number of students
- Delivery address
- Phone number
- Any special instructions (allergies, delivery instructions, etc..)

On-site co-curricular and extracurricular activities:

All in-person co-curricular and extracurricular activities are canceled and will resume on 1/25/21.

We want to stress again that our buildings are safe and that there is no increased risk in our RSU 9 facilities. We were able to complete all of the contact tracing, but due to staffing and an inability to fill openings with substitutes, we are unable to have onsite school.

We appreciate your understanding of these circumstances, your respect for staff privacy, and your support of your child's education in these challenging times. We hope to be able to provide an opportunity in the near future for Q and A regarding our practices related to COVID-19, as well as how we make our determinations in conjunction with counsel from the CDC. Please stay tuned for any further updates, and thank you again for your adherence to our health and safety guidelines that help to keep our school and district communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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