

GENERAL BROWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear General Brown Community,

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a great impact on our society and brought many uncertainties to our lives. Despite the rising cases in Jefferson County, the General Brown Central School District sought to remain open for in-person instruction using the hybrid model of learning. Until this week, we were able to manage the situation with limited student and staff illness and absences. However, this week has proven to be a challenge in mitigating the spread of the virus due to asymptomatic carriers and providing proper supervision to children due to employee absences. Given the continued rise in community positivity rates, along with increased quarantine and isolation notices of students and staff, the time has come to make the difficult decision to transition to remote instruction for an extended period of time.

The General Brown Central School District will extend our remote instruction plan for all students effective Monday, January 25, 2021 through Friday, February 19, 2021. This will include three weeks of remote learning for students through February 12, 2021, and there will be no instruction during February Break, which is scheduled February 15-19, 2021. At this moment, we seek to reopen for in-person instruction using the hybrid model of learning on Monday, February 22, 2021. We believe this precautionary measure is necessary to help ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students, employees, families, and community.

Remote instruction will include all General Brown classes at Dexter Elementary School, Brownville-Glen Park Elementary School, General Brown Junior/Senior High School, BOCES ACES and BOCES Bohlen Technical Center. Any students attending classes at the BOCES ACES or Bohlen Technical Center that can provide their own transportation may choose to attend in-person instruction. It should also be noted that students attending BOCES special programs and parochial schools at General Brown Junior/Senior High School and outside the District at Indian River Central School District, Watertown City School District, Faith Fellowship School, and Immaculate Heart Central School will be transported for in-person instruction as scheduled.

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Meals will still be available for pick up (10:00-11:00 AM) on Wednesdays for all students. If you would like to pick up breakfast and lunch meals for your child, please contact the Food Service Director, Mr. Jim Nevers at (315) 779-2300 Option 7, Option 1, and leave a message, or email jnevers@gblions.org. Please visit the District website, Food Service page for more information.

Additional information regarding class-specific plans will continue to come directly from the classroom teachers. Building principals will share Remote Learning Expectations. If you have specific questions regarding your child, please contact the classroom teacher and/or building principal. We recognize that remote instruction will cause disruptions to families' daily schedules. This pandemic has caused many uncertainties, but our top priority remains the safety of our students and employees. We appreciate your continued support of our students, staff, and General Brown community, and we will continue to work together to ensure the safety of all as we seek to offer educational services to children.

Sincerely,
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