

# Chippewa Hills

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# School District

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--Virtual learning plan announcement--

We have been rather fortunate in that we have not had a ton of positive cases with our staff or students. However, that is not the underlying issue that has come to fruition. It is, as I shared early on, the lack of adults due to quarantines that is negatively impacting us. We have a large number of staff who must be out of in-person instruction due to quarantine for multiple days and there are not sufficient subs to cover all these openings. In addition, the numbers in Mecosta and Isabella County are continually growing and we are hitting numbers that are astronomically ahead of where we were in the spring when we shut down for the remainder of the year. These factors are instrumental in making school decisions. I do not want us to create situations that will promote more infectious cases. We also need to have adequate and qualified adults in place to work with our students to ensure the quality educational opportunities deserved.

Our staff is prepared for virtual learning and our students should be equally prepped for this decision. Therefore, due to the shortage of staff to adequately teach our students in-person, I am switching our district as a whole to virtual learning effective Monday, November 2, 2020 through Friday, November 13, 2020. These 2 weeks of virtual learning will give us ample time to complete the quarantines that are in place and reduce the potential for additional cases occurring at school. It is critical that you encourage and ensure that your child is doing their school work during this time away from the school setting. Learning will not cease, it will simply

look different as we will continue to offer the quality you expect and deserve from our outstanding staff who care deeply for your children.

We have also noticed that many of our quarantines are due to activities outside of the school setting so we are asking that you please take caution when interacting with others outside your immediate household. Please wear your mask and social distance to reduce the chances of contamination. Wash your hands frequently and minimize travel or social gatherings. We can all do more to reduce this explosive increase of cases in our area so we are asking for your help. Thanks for your efforts to contain this virus and help us as we continue to give our best efforts to provide a quality education to our students. It will be our concerted efforts that keeps Chippewa Hills a great, and safe, place to learn, work and live.

Bob Grover