



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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November 25, 2020

Good evening Suffield Public Schools Community,

As stated in previous communications, our operational status for next week would be decided this evening following a review of up-to-date health metrics, school-based cases, population density within our schools, and staffing coverage issues. After thoughtful consideration of the aforementioned data and the unpredictable outcomes that our Thanksgiving weekend may bring, please note the schedule we will follow for next week:

- Monday, November 30 (Full Remote Learning: Cohorts A & B)
- Tuesday, December 1 (Full Remote Learning: Cohorts A & B)
- Wednesday, December 2 (Hybrid: Cohort A In-person/Cohort B Remote)
- Thursday, December 3 (Hybrid: Cohort B In-person/Cohort A Remote)
- Friday, December 4 (Hybrid: Cohort B In-person/Cohort A Remote)

In addition, please review the attached hybrid schedule for the month of December.

[Hybrid Schedule Month of December Revised.pdf](#)

It is important to note that our operational status remains subject to change at any given time due to federal, state or local decision. Although we continue to receive communications from the Governor and the Connecticut State Department of Education that school district decisions will remain local, it is not out of the realm of possibility that a statewide decision may become necessary if the health crisis worsens. Until then, we will continue to make our decisions based on local variables and the guidance we are receiving from our health experts.

In this communication, I would also like to mention a recent change to our Suffield Public Schools calendar. At Monday evening's Special Meeting of the Board of Education, a decision was made to remove Wednesday, December 23 as an instructional day and add it to the end of the school year. As a result, our last day of school is now tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2020. The purpose of this was to try and preserve an in-person learning day by shifting it to a

date when it is more likely to occur. Please see the revised Suffield Public Schools calendar.

[2020-2021 School Calendar - Revised 23NOV2020.pdf](#)

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a most enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to school or district administration if we can be of any support to you over the holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Van Tassel
Superintendent of Schools