



January 4, 2021

Dear Families,

I hope you and your family had an enjoyable holiday season!

As you know, we will maintain our virtual learning model through January 15, 2021. On January 18, 2021, we will welcome those students who were attending in-person instruction back into the building to finish out the first semester which will conclude on January 29, 2021. Students who were enrolled in virtual instruction during the 1st semester will finish the semester in a virtual setting.

All students will then be enrolled for in-person instruction to begin on February 1, 2021. Data has shown that with our numerous safeguards in place, we are able to safely offer in-person instruction. Our survey data also indicate that the majority of parents and students feel in-person instruction is more effective than virtual instruction. Our student achievement data also indicates that in-person instruction is more effective than virtual instruction. Thus, it is our desire that all students return to face-to-face instruction for semester 2, which begins on February 1.

All students are currently scheduled for in-person instruction for semester 2. However, if your family would like to discuss the possibility of our Virtual Option for Semester 2 you must contact Mrs. Farrell to have a meeting with an IMS Administrator. This meeting must take place when both you and your child are available to discuss your student's academic progress and to develop an Academic Success Plan. This meeting will take no more than 15 minutes. Families must contact IMS by January 11th so that we have ample time to create second-semester schedules should you be interested in the Virtual Option.

Students returning to In-person instruction on February 1st needing bussing, who have yet to do so, need to contact the transportation department at 616-527-9680.

Contact Mrs. Farrell @ 616-841-4178 or [dfarrell@ioniaschools.org](mailto:dfarrell@ioniaschools.org).

Together,

Wayne E. Piercefield III  
IMS Principal



***Together we Will!***