



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Suffield Public Schools Families,

Following next Wednesday's transition to full in-person learning at Suffield High School, families in all four schools will have been provided the opportunity to access in-person learning as experienced prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The transition to five day in-person learning for our elementary and middle schools have gone very well, and I would like to thank our students, staff, and families for prioritizing health and safety before, during, and after school hours. Your collective efforts will continue to enable the Suffield Public Schools to maintain our current operational status so long as it is safe to do so.

As noted in previous communications, elementary school families will be given the opportunity to update their attendance status on a monthly basis. Elementary school parents who did not send their children to school for in-person learning in February and would like to change their attendance status are being asked to complete the following survey. **The March attendance status survey for elementary students should only be completed if you are changing your child's attendance status.** This survey must be completed by February 19, 2021. Your child's attendance status will remain unchanged from February if we do not receive an updated request.

[Elementary Student Attendance Status Survey \(March\)](#)

Please note that we will not be reopening the middle or high school student attendance status survey until March 15th. Secondary students will need to maintain their current attendance status until April 1, 2021, the beginning of the fourth marking quarter.

On a final note, the Board of Education approved the utilization of remote learning days in place of traditional snow days for the remainder of the school year. The last day of school is currently June 18, 2021. Please understand that severe storms or events that result in widespread power and internet outages could still result in school cancelations. It is important to set forth this understanding as we move forward with remote learning days in place of school cancelations.

[Updated School Calendar](#)

Sincerely,
Timothy M. Van Tassel, Ed.D.