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Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Vision

Lead with respect, trust and courage.
Ensure an equitable, collaborative
and inclusive culture.
Enable all to achieve success

Midland Public Schools' High School **Face-2-Face (F2F) students return to their classrooms** **Tuesday, January 19, 2021**



As our high school students, staff and families may have heard, at today's Press Conference with Governor Whitmer, MDHHS implemented a December 18 Order that is in effect from December 21, 2020 through January 15, 2021.

One item in this Order ends the "pause" in F2F learning for Michigan high school students. It was announced that high school students may return to F2F learning as of Monday, December 21, at the discretion of local school communities.

As Midland Public Schools' administration reviewed our January 2021 District Calendar, we believe it is in the best interest of students and staff for all MPS high school students to remain in remote learning through the end of first semester—Thursday, January 14.

Face-to-face high school students will begin in-school learning on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 with their 2nd semester classes.

Another point in the December 18 Order affects high school sports.

- ⇒ Winter Sports: While outdoor non-contact sports are permitted to resume, indoor sports and outdoor contact sports are still not allowed, which means that Midland Public Schools winter athletics remain paused until further notice from the State.
- ⇒ Fall Sports Post-Season: The only MPS post-season fall sport still in play is Dow High girls swim. The Girls' Fall State Swim Tournament will be held January 15 & 16 with new testing protocols. Additional info will be released from MHSAA regarding this event.

A couple of additional points of clarification:

- ⇒ MPS will continue to closely monitor future MDHHS/Governor orders as well as positivity rates and operational staffing to determine the need to adapt quickly should MPS COVID numbers/staffing issues indicate the need for F2F instruction to return to a pause.
- ⇒ This announcement does not affect high school students enrolled in the MPS Virtual Academy for 2nd semester.

Thank you, MPS students, staff and families, for your flexibility and support this school year!

Stay strong & well!

Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent of Schools