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Dear Families,

Hello HAWKS!

WE MISS YOU! I am here to update you, your family and our community about the decision we have made, as a school district, on continued instruction after November 20th.

We have studied our current local health data, completed a detailed review of the Shawano School District's re-entry plan, along with the established gating criteria for the district, and based on this information, we have made the decision to remain in a virtual environment through January 44, 2021. As always, this decision is based upon the health and safety of our students, staff, families and community.

Over the past several weeks, we have worked closely with students and families, and your feedback has helped us understand your concerns and daily struggles during the virtual instruction model.

We also know it is difficult to see smaller schools in our area return to in-person instruction and want to reassure you that returning our students to in-person learning is our priority as soon as it is safe to do so. We are monitoring recent developments in rapid testing availability and vaccine rollouts in the near future. We are optimistic that 2021 will be a much brighter year!

In the meantime, we remain committed to your student's education and will maintain the following initiatives:

- We continue to work with our families to bring in our students in small cohorts to better serve their needs during this time
- Internet Cafes are open/available: please reach out to your child's teacher and or administrator if your child is having internet issues
- Pupil Services Dept. and Special Education continues to work with individual students, face-to-face, to meet their needs
- Technology is holding 1-1 scheduled sessions for families to troubleshoot technology issues. Please contact your classroom teacher and we will reach out to you
- We continue to provide free breakfast and lunch during the week and on weekends- check our website for the details

The District's website will serve as the most up-to-date information regarding instructional platform decisions and new information. We will also continue to send communications to families via Skylert. Please be sure to check your contact information and that our messaging system remains unblocked for your number.

Lastly, please remember, it will take the community working together to help bring all of our students back into our school buildings including frequent hand washing, physical distancing, covering coughs and sneezes, use of face coverings in public and staying home as much as possible

Thank you for all you do!

"Together, We've Got This "Hawks!"



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