

December 1, 2020

Dear Maumee Families,

Last week I sent a communication to you about our school district plans regarding the COVID-19 virus and the most recent order made by the Toledo Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD). Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been committed to monitoring multiple data points including county data and district-specific COVID cases (students and staff), and also consulting almost daily with TLCHD. Recently, we learned that Lucas County will most likely receive a “Star” designation this week and transition from “Level 3 - Red” to “Level 4 - Purple: Severe Exposure and Spread” next week.

Therefore, considering the likely looming change to “Level 4 - Purple,” reviewing our internal COVID data from the past 10 days, and in consultation with TLCHD, **effective Monday, December 7, 2020, Maumee City Schools is suspending in-person classroom instruction for all students in grades K-12.** This decision is being made for the health and safety of all Maumee students and staff.

To be clear, our last day of attendance will be this Friday, December 4. At this time we anticipate returning to in-person classes on January 11. We will continue to evaluate all the data and communicate whether we will be able to return to school on January 11 or if an extended closure is needed.

We are working with faculty and staff and our buildings will provide you with additional guidance later this week including ordering meals, technology support, and social-emotional supports, as examples. This is an evolving process and I ask for everyone’s patience. **At this time we will not be able to accommodate individual requests to make changes to the choice you made regarding MVP (online) versus in-person instruction.** Similar to when we started this year remotely, students who are currently learning via in-person instruction will transition to remote learning with classes taught by their current classroom teachers.

Since we are not able to provide in-person instruction until January 11, students will likely be asked to complete work via teacher-made packets and/or online materials as well as live and recorded lessons. If your student receives individualized instruction per an individualized education plan (IEP), please know we are working to find ways to provide the best possible services for all students.

I am very grateful for the faculty and staff who are working to ensure a continuity of teaching and learning in the coming weeks. I appreciate your understanding and continued cooperation as we work through any needed changes and modifications to our current plans. I realize the inconveniences and disruptiveness this causes, but we need to make this adjustment now due to our data trends as well as the advice of the TLCHD.

Finally, I want to thank the individuals in our community who are working hard to keep us safe and control the spread of this virus. This continues to be a time for our community to come together and I am confident in our ability to persevere.

Todd Cramer - Superintendent