



# PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hornet Students and Parents:

The switch to the remote mode of instruction after the Thanksgiving break helped to avoid broad student/staff quarantine impact (and very likely limited the spread of the virus). The balance between maximizing instructional contact and protecting community health is a difficult one, and our district's Reopening Planning Committee and Board of Education have worked hard to develop an appropriate strategy for the period following the upcoming holiday recess – when another virus surge is anticipated.

**All Plattsburgh CSD schools will again, preemptively enter a period of remote instruction following the holiday recess. Barring any extended remote instruction necessitated by actual COVID cases/exposure, this use of the remote mode of instruction will last one week. Specifically, students will operate in the remote mode of instruction from Monday, January 4 through Friday, January 8, 2021. We plan to return to the hybrid mode of instruction on Monday, January 11, 2021. However, as always, emerging infection data may prompt an extension of this planned 1-week switch to 'remote'.**

The Reopening Planning Committee has sought to share this information as early as practical so that families would have maximum time to prepare for this change. While we certainly hope that another post-holiday COVID surge does not again occur, the above-outlined move to remote instruction will better allow any holiday-driven infections to present and be addressed, so as to minimize exposure within the school setting.

Related, government leaders have called for great sacrifice on the part of all individuals with regards to limiting holiday gatherings (and thus curtailing opportunities for infection). On behalf of the entire Hornet community, I offer profound thanks to everyone who avoided Thanksgiving gatherings, and everyone who is currently and will soon forego these standard holiday trappings. Such a responsible approach to this shared affliction is inspiring. Everyone's efforts are noted and appreciated.

As always, please feel free to contact school personnel with any questions or concerns.

Best,

Jay Lebrun

#### MISSION

*Our mission is to educate each student of the Plattsburgh City School District by creating challenging, supportive, and interactive learning*

*that advances intellectual, physical, social, and cultural development.*