

# Instruction Update

December 14, 2020

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



[2020-21 School Year Calendar](#)

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Winter Break: Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1

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## *Weekly DuPage County COVID-19 Metrics for Schools/Return to in-person instruction*

This week DuPage County remains at the substantial level of transmission. For the last several weeks, all four of the metrics used by the Illinois Department of Public Health had been at the substantial level. The last two weeks have seen two of the metrics move to the minimal level of transmission: weekly case count and youth case count. We will continue to monitor closely, and we will continue to speak with the DuPage County Health Department weekly.

I have stayed in touch with superintendent colleagues who have remained in person during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Winter Break. They have not seen a change in the positivity rate among students and staff. Overall, metrics across the county and region have not shown the type of jump in cases that was predicted in the days and week after Thanksgiving. ***For these reasons and the metrics shared above, we will return to in-person instruction on January 4. This could change if something were to happen in the days leading up to the 4th, but we are looking forward to being back in person!***

## *December Board of Education Meeting*

The Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will take place over Zoom and a link will be sent at approximately 6:45 p.m. Public comments may be submitted [here](#).

## *Second Half of Year Placements*

All families should have received a letter confirming each student's placement for the second half of the school year. If you did not receive a letter, please check your spam folder, and if your letter isn't there, please contact your child's school office.

## *In-Person Instruction*

Additional information for returning to in-person instruction will be sent at the end of the week. It is critical to our ability to return and remain in-person that all families follow our procedures. ***If anyone in the household has COVID symptoms and/or a positive COVID diagnosis, your child(ren) may not attend school, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms.***

If you are traveling or spending time with people outside of your household during the holidays, you must quarantine for fourteen days from the last contact. Even with a negative test, the quarantine period is fourteen days. We will review timelines and dates in the end of week communication and re-share the chart created as a family-friendly reminder of when and for how long students need to remain at home.

Students will need to have their certification tickets with them on January 4 and their supply of masks. If your child will be new to in-person instruction, please work with them on their mask endurance between now and January 4.

## *District Operations During Winter Break*

Our district office remains closed during our adaptive pause and Winter Break; however, our staff is available to meet with you as needed on the following dates: Monday, 12/21, Tuesday, 12/22 as well as Monday, 12/28 and Tuesday, 12/29. Please contact the district office at 630-529-2091 and someone will get back to you.

As we wrap up school for 2020, it is truly amazing what we have accomplished together. Each of us is fortunate to be a part of the D12 community who have valued taking care of each other and prioritized our children's education. While I am looking forward to turning the calendar to 2021, the need to reflect and be thankful for all we have done isn't lost on me. Have a wonderful Winter Break! I hope you and your family remain safe and healthy and find ways to celebrate this time of year.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

