

11/9/2020

To: Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent

**Re: Pivot to Virtual Instruction:**

Greetings Barneveld Families,  
It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter.

Over the last several weeks, we have had to make many adjustments to our schedule, switched multiple cohorts from in-person to virtual, and kept a close eye on the Iowa County numbers as it relates to Covid-19. We have done everything possible to keep in-person learning and our collective efforts have allowed us to stay in this mode much longer than originally anticipated. The most recent update from the County Health Department is certainly alarming ([click here](#)) and we must remain proactive as it relates to the health and safety of our entire community. Furthermore, the Iowa County School Guidance dashboard ([click here](#)) clearly indicates that we are at a point where we must take additional precautionary measures.

**Effective Thursday, November 12, 2020, the Barneveld School District will make a full pivot to virtual instruction.**

Students will attend in-person on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, so that they can make arrangements with their teachers and gather the materials needed (Wednesdays are already virtual). Remote learning will continue through at least November 30, 2020. In-person instruction will resume as soon as it is determined that we can return to school safely. We will continue to work in coordination with the Iowa County Health Department and carefully monitor the numbers so that we can make an informed decision as it relates to a transition back to in-person learning.

This move will impact everyone involved and we truly wish there was another way - we all want to return to “normal”. I implore everyone involved to work together to try and make the very best of this situation. Barneveld has an incredible history of coming together through challenging times, and we again are presented with an opportunity to be an exemplar of how communities can come together in the face of adversity.

Thank you for your understanding and support during these most difficult times.

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Sincerely,

Joseph Price,  
Superintendent