



## Randolph Central School Corporation

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Dear Randolph Central Parents/Guardians,

I am sure you are aware, the COVID-19 Pandemic is surging throughout the midwest, Indiana, and specifically in Randolph County. Just six weeks ago there were 14 active cases in our county and tonight there are 328. The number of positive cases in Randolph County has a direct impact on our schools. I have sent out daily updates via text message and posted that same update each day on the Corporation website.

There has been a steady rise in the number of COVID-19 positive students and staff members. This has led to substantial numbers of students and staff members being quarantined due to close contact with an individual that has tested positive outside or inside school.

Randolph Central has operated on Reopening Plan A since August 12 because we felt that is the best option. At this time, the number of teachers and support staff members that have tested positive or are in quarantine because of close contact has created significant issues with meeting the needs of our students and we simply do not have an adequate substitute teacher pool in spite of repeated efforts to recruit. In the short-term, with the positivity rate in Randolph County continuing to climb we cannot continue to operate on Plan A and meet the needs of all of our students.

**Effective Monday, Randolph Central School Corporation will move to eLearning Preschool - 12th grade from November 16-24th. This is a short-term shift to eLearning and our brick and mortar buildings will reopen on Monday, November 30th.**

This decision is being made because of staffing issues and not because of COVID-19 spread in our buildings. We will continue to allow extracurricular activities to take place outside of regular school hours. Our staff, that are not quarantined, will be in the building supporting your student(s) while they are eLearning. To be prepared for eLearning students need to take their Chromebook and textbooks home with them tomorrow. Students will also be expected to be available for ZOOM meetings with their teachers during the school day. If you do not have adequate internet access, reach out to your child's Principal. We have an option that allows internet access for Randolph Central devices only.

The School Board, Administration, Teachers, and Staff want to provide the highest quality instruction possible to your child(ren) and we feel this is our best option at this time. I am notifying you tonight because we are aware that making arrangements for many families will be difficult and we want to provide you with as much time as possible. These are very stressful times. Thank you for your patience and support.

Rolland Abraham