



# North Little Rock School District

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November 18, 2020

Dear North Little Rock School District Community,

We are living in unprecedented times. Just like you, we are watching the spike in positive cases across the state of Arkansas. However, while we are not immune to the pandemic, we have been able to keep our students and staff safe, thanks to the collective vigilance among our students, staff, nurses, and families. Together, we have done a diligent job of practicing hand washing, social distancing, and wearing masks. We are grateful for everyone's efforts.

While the number of positive cases across the district has remained low, the number of students and staff identified as being a close contact is continuing to trend upward, which is cause for concern, particularly among students and staff at North Little Rock High School (NLRHS) and the Center of Excellence (COE). Individuals deemed as a close contact must be quarantined for fourteen days, a recommendation by the Arkansas Department of Health and the Center of Disease Disease Control (CDC). Therefore, the resources at both schools are being strained to effectively support high quality face-to-face instruction.

In an effort to protect the health and safety of our students and staff, **North Little Rock High School (NLRHS) and the Center of Excellence (COE) will begin remote learning starting tomorrow, Thursday, November 19, 2020, and will continue until Tuesday, December 1, 2020.** District administrators will continue to monitor system-wide COVID-19 data on a daily basis and will determine when high school students can safely return to campus after December 1, 2020. While we encourage high school students to engage in classes at home, we understand that some families may elect to send their students to campus in the event there is no childcare at home, a lack of Internet access, or there is a need for specialized services. Therefore, the North Little Rock High School and the Center of Excellence will be open during the remote learning period should families make the decision to send their children to school.

In addition, we will continue implementing *Virtual Learning Fridays* as normal. Students can expect live instruction on November 19th, November 30th, and December 1<sup>st</sup>, which will require logging on at the time of class. In the event a child needs a mobile WiFi hotspot, please see your community school for more information. Another key point: Meal distribution will continue on remote learning days and will operate as it does on Virtual Learning Fridays.

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As a reminder, the district will observe the Thanksgiving holiday during the week of November 23-27, 2020. We ask that you remember to incorporate safe and healthy protocols over the holiday break. In addition, please be mindful of the following procedures:

- Wear a mask that covers the mouth and the nose.
- Wash hands frequently and vigorously. In the absence of soap, use an alcohol-based solution to wash hands.
- Group gatherings need to be limited, and social distancing measures should be followed.

Finally, if a staff member or student gets tested for COVID-19 for any reason, please notify the district's point of contact immediately should the results return positive. The number to reach the school district point of contact is **(501) 240-1753**. Please make sure to check your email 24 hours after taking the COVID-19 test, as your results will be sent to that account.

If you notice a symptom, even if it feels like allergies or the common cold, get tested or go see a physician immediately.

Thank you for doing your part in helping prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Pilewski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory J. Pilewski, Ed.D.  
Superintendent