



**Barneveld School District**

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excellence in education."*

11/24/2020

To: Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent

**Re: Virtual Instruction**

Greetings Barneveld Families,

First, I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Regardless of all that is happening around us, there is much to be thankful for, and may we all enjoy some time with those who are important to us.

In the previous correspondence, the decision was made to remain virtual through at least November 30, 2020. This was further discussed at our regular Board meeting on November 11, 2020, and the date was moved to December 4, 2020. The state and county numbers continue to be very high and we will continue to work with the health department to monitor the numbers so that we can ensure a safe and timely return to school. This data will be reassessed next week and we will follow up with additional communications.

While specific numbers for a return to school have not yet been developed, we will ideally see a two-week trend in which the number of confirmed cases decreases, as well as a decrease in the positivity rate. The following links are being used to help us make an informed decision.

[School Guidelines](#)

[Iowa County Specific Data](#)

[Current Covid-19 Case Count](#)

[Iowa County Media Releases](#)

As of today, the state of Wisconsin has maintained its stance on leaving this to local school districts to decide. As much as we all want students back in school, it is important to make sure that we do so in a manner that safeguards the students, teachers, and community as a whole.

Questions regarding athletics have come up and again, it was decided that when students can return to school, and we will be able to resume winter sports. Administration will continue to work with the health department, as well as coordinate with area schools to determine how to best resume co-curricular activities.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Sincerely,

Joseph Price,  
Superintendent