



CROSWELL-LEXINGTON
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

November 25, 2020

Dear Cros-Lex Families and Friends:

I begin this email with a genuine appreciation to all of our families and community members of Cros-Lex Schools. Since March 2020, this has been quite a journey with many struggles and sacrifices we all have endured, and as we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, I want to thank you for your continued support.

All of our Cros-Lex Staff members are working extremely hard to ensure our schools stay open and to continue delivering a high quality education to all of our students, whether in person or virtually, in a healthy, safe and welcoming environment.

In early October, the State legislature issued requirements for reporting COVID-19 cases, including placing up to date information on our website. Additionally, letters have been posted to our website informing families each time the County Health Department confirms one of our schools has a positive COVID-19 case(s). You can reference these letters on our website link, entitled COVID-19 updates and resources, or by clicking [HERE](#). You can also review the COVID-19 spreadsheet link that posts in real time relevant district data. Click [HERE](#) to access the spreadsheet.

A lot of speculation exists out in the community, regarding a potential pivot to remote learning K-12, and how those decisions are made. The District follows strict guidelines from the Sanilac County Health Department when we are aware of a positive COVID-19 case. Following these strict guidelines increases the likelihood that we can continue operations of our face-to-face learning, as well as, supporting virtual learning opportunities with highly qualified professional staff, to families that chose that option.

Another significant factor to determine when considering pivoting to remote learning or a hybrid model (mixture of virtual & face-to-face), is when a large number of students or staff are asked to quarantine due to coming into direct contact with a positive confirmed COVID-19 case. The process of contact tracing and communicating to families that they are forced out of school is challenging for everyone involved, and also contributes to staffing challenges. All staff and students are quarantined under the direct guidance of our local health department, and in conjunction with the CDC guidelines.

In order to make every effort possible to reduce the spread of this disease and to keep our schools open to families who choose in person learning, I am hopeful that everyone will make the best possible decisions for your family, when it comes to attending social gatherings. Our

feedback from Cros-Lex parents show strong interest in continuing each families learning choices, and we will do everything possible to continue to honor those requests.

Last, I would like to share with you a message communicated a little more than a week ago by medical professionals from Metro Detroit Hospitals. These medical professionals held a joint news conference to encourage Michigan residents to wear face coverings. They said the single largest cause of the spike in COVID-19 cases are due to indoor social gatherings, especially those where people do not wear face coverings. Other Michigan health professionals and Hospital CEO's reference the importance of wearing masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene as the top three measures we all must take to control the spread of COVID-19.

The holidays are one of the most important times of the year for all of us, and this year more than ever. However you choose as a family to celebrate the holiday season, I hope this season is filled with happiness and good health, as we close out 2020, and welcome in the New Year.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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As outlined in our Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan found on our website, we will be working with the local and State Health Department recommendations or orders, as we monitor COVID-19 positive cases. Any long-term changes to the Extended COVID-19 Learning plan requires School Board Action.

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The district and school administration will continue to coordinate with student's families as well as work closely with the local Health Department officials to ensure any and all decisions to stay or open for in person learning or pivot to remote learning are made with the overall health and safety of the students and our staff as the top priority.

In order to make every effort possible to reduce the spread of this disease, I am hopeful that everyone will make the best possible decisions and exercise caution when it comes to attending social gatherings. Our feedback from Cros-Lex parents show strong interest in continuing their learning choices, and we will do everything possible to continue to honor those requests.

I plan to reiterate to families in our district the same request to exercise caution when it comes to attending social gathers, encourage wearing a mask when inside and around others, and practice good hand hygiene. I also will be sharing the information below from credible medical professionals to reinforce the importance of all of us doing our part in keeping each other and ourselves safe.

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