



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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Dear Marauder Families:

This correspondence is being sent to inform you that ***Ovid-Elsie Area Schools will remain in remote learning until Monday, January 11, 2021.*** We will return to school in remote learning during the week of January 4, 2021 and continue to offer Internet Labs, breakfast and lunch programs, and special services for special needs students or English Language Learners.

While the new order permits Ovid-Elsie Area Schools to fully reopen, there are many variables that are involved when making decisions regarding our mode of instruction that can change daily including our District quarantine numbers, positive cases, government directives, etc.

Community spread is a real issue and while numbers are beginning to decline, there is general concern about another spike after the holiday season. Thus, the reason for our remote learning extension.

MHSAA has released a statement about their return plans and you may read that here:

<https://5il.co/o63x>. In short, extra-curricular activities should be able to resume on January 15, 2021.

We have done a very good job of keeping the virus out of our school buildings and I appreciate the diligence of our school community in notifying the District when potential situations arise. The local health departments are overwhelmed and are weeks behind in their reporting. If you or anyone you know are diagnosed with COVID-19, please use this self-reporting form (<https://form.jotform.com/203235125119041>). This can help to ensure proper notification to the health department(s) and in turn, to the School District.

The Administration and the Board, along with staff and stakeholder input, will continue to do everything we can to promote a safe and healthy working and learning environment. I continue

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to praise our staff, students and parents for all of the hard work, diligence and flexibility through these unprecedented times.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season and we will see you in 2021!

Yours in education,

Dr. Ryan L. Cunningham, Superintendent, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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