



**Barneveld School District**

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excellence in education."*

12/22/2020

To: Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent

**Re: Community Update and Gradual Return to In-Person Learning**

Greetings Barneveld Families,

First and foremost, on behalf of the staff, administration, and Board of Education, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. 2020 has most certainly been a historic year, one that we have learned from, and are surely looking to put behind us. As we head into the winter break, there are several questions that have come up as it relates to our gradual return to school and what in-person instruction will look like when we return in January.

**Return to In-Person Learning:**

Over the course of the next two weeks, we will continue to monitor both county and local numbers as it relates to Covid-19 so that we can make a timely and informed decision as it relates to a full return to in-person learning. As we have seen over the course of the last two months, this has been a very fluid situation and we have responded accordingly. You can expect a follow-up communication next week as it relates to additional students returning to school. It is my sincere hope that this will happen within the first week in January.

**Virtual-Wednesdays:**

During our gradual return to school, we have continued with virtual Wednesdays which were implemented in early November. This provides time for students and teachers to connect in small groups and one on one settings so that direct feedback can take place. This practice will continue when we resume after winter break. We will continue to monitor how this is working for students, staff, and families and you can expect a follow-up survey in early January.

On a personal note, I am truly grateful for the outstanding support of the community, the staff, and the Board of Education. None of us anticipated this back in March when the interview process started and an incredible amount of work went into getting our students back to school. I have had some interesting experiences in my years as an educator and they all pale in comparison to this year. I am both very proud and humbled to serve such an outstanding community and I look forward to much better times as we begin a new decade in January.

Thank you again for your continued support and patience as we experience this together!

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Sincerely,

Joseph Price,  
Superintendent