



Good Afternoon:

I mentioned in a video a few weeks ago that we would provide additional information about our return to 5 day in person instruction as the time approached. Taking into consideration the various data points I mentioned from Allen County Public Health and directive from the Governor it is time to make this transition. It is important for you to know the following changes as we move forward.

The last remote learning Friday will be held Friday, March 26, 2021.

The ability to opt into remote learning has been closed effective February 18, 2021.

Effective **April 5, 2021, Shawnee Local Schools will return to 5 days in person instruction.** Live learning remote instruction will be suspended at that time.

Remote learners who are unable to return to in person instruction due to medical concerns, etc. should work with their respective building in order to arrange for pick up and return of their assignments according to the individual building's plan. It is important to note that with the suspension of live learning remote instruction, teachers are no longer required to provide live instruction.

Each building has a process within its day-to-day operations to appropriately address students who may miss days for vacation or other reasons. It is the intent that the building will use this format in working with students who are not able to return to in person learning.

Remote learners who are returning to in person instruction and need transportation are asked to call the bus garage at 419-998-8034 no later than March 26, 2021 to make arrangements for pick up from and drop off to home.

Please also keep in mind, **masks are still required.** This includes while on school transportation. Failure to wear masks can result in loss of bus riding privileges.

In addition, we have now missed a total of nine days due to inclement weather. By contract, staff members will have to make up any day beyond five to fulfill the negotiated agreements. Students however, are now on hours and Shawnee's normal school day far exceeds the state requirement for hours attended. Thus, students will not be required to make up days. We will use the make up days with staff for professional development.

Thank you for continuing to do everything we can to support and help each other as we navigate these changing times. I couldn't be more proud of our Shawnee family!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Kanable". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Kanable, Superintendent