

November 2, 2021

Dear Marauder Community:

Recently, we have had a <u>large number</u> of staff and students who have either been quarantined or who have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Middle School. Thus, we are moving the Middle School to remote learning through Friday, November 12, 2021. All Middle School students will return to school on Monday, November 15, 2021. The Middle School Administration will follow up with a daily schedule shortly.

For those students who would still like breakfast and lunch, our Food Service Department will continue to make food available to our Middle School community. On Wednesday, November 3, 2021 they will issue food for the remainder of the week from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also, on Monday, November 8, 2021 they will issue food for the entire week from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Finally, we will follow the same protocol previously initiated and allow students and families to **make** their own decisions in regards to extracurricular activities. If the choice is made to participate in extracurricular activities, beginning after school on Thursday, November 3, 2021, the students and parents must comply with the MHSAA guidelines that were implemented last year and were proven to be successful. This will include **voluntary** daily testing, and mask wearing in some cases.

We understand that some may not agree with our decisions but it is important to understand our perspective. We, as a District, feel that it is in the best interest of our students to **allow families to continue to make decisions** that are best for their given situation as these activities occur after school hours and are voluntary. During the time the High School was in remote learning, the testing procedures have proven to be extremely effective.

We continue to wish you the best and we hope that everyone is staying safe.

Yours in Education.

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

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Conflict Resolution and Administrative Flowchart