



January 4, 2022

Harvard Families,

We hope you had a safe and relaxing winter break.

Like much of the state and county, Harvard currently has an incredibly high COVID-19 transmission rate. Throughout the last two days, we have been in contact with numerous families and staff members who tested positive, became symptomatic, or were close contacts to a positive case over break.

At this time, we do not have enough healthy staff to resume in-person classes on Thursday. We know it's nearly impossible to start a new semester remotely without significant preparation and lead time.

Winter Break will be extended two more days, through Friday, January 7, with no academic responsibilities on these days. Two additional days will be added to this school year's calendar to make up for the lost instructional time. We will reach out to families once these dates have been finalized.

Athletics will continue as scheduled this week.

Classes will resume in person on Monday, January 10. We are planning for in-person instruction at this time. If cases continue to rise, we may need to utilize remote instruction temporarily. Families will be contacted directly if the need for remote learning should arise.

The decision to disrupt our academic calendar, while unfortunate, is necessary. We are dealing with a record-breaking spread of COVID in our area, making this decision unavoidable. Hopefully, these additional days will help our staff safely return to what they do well – educate and care for our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Corey Tafoya
Harvard CUSD 50 Superintendent