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10/9/20

To: Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent

Re: Covid-19 Update and Modified Schedule

Greetings Barneveld Families,

I hope this message finds you well and that you have enjoyed these beautiful fall days.

As you may be aware, the numbers of positive cases throughout the state of Wisconsin continue to rise prompting the state to issue Emergency order #3 ([link](#)) which calls for reduced numbers for indoor gatherings. While schools are exempt from this emergency order, we must all do our part to help safeguard the health and safety of our learning community. We continue to meet weekly with the Iowa County Health Department to monitor the numbers and they have been trending up for the past three weeks. The Barneveld School District continues to remain proactive in our efforts to promote a safe, healthy, and engaging learning environment. This has been incredibly challenging for all of us and your continued support and flexibility are truly appreciated.

Due to the trending numbers in the county and state, we are actively working on a modified schedule to further mitigate the risk factors associated with Covid-19. We have already experienced a school-wide switch to virtual instruction and our amazing staff was able to quickly pivot and continue to provide quality instruction for our students. The work they are doing to meet the needs of both in-person and virtual learners at the same time is incredibly demanding and commendable. In the coming days, we will share these plans and gather your feedback before making a final decision.

Reporting of Confirmed Positive Cases:

If and when a confirmed positive case is reported to the district, please understand that there are very strict limitations as to what we can communicate. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ([HIPAA](#)) as well as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)) are laws to protect the privacy of individuals. When a communication is sent out, please understand that we are adhering to these laws and we can not disclose any information that would potentially identify a specific person. We understand that this creates a degree of uncertainty, but I want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to keep our school and our community safe.

*If there is any question of "close contact", the appropriate protocol will take place to notify those that were in close contact. Please click [here](#) to see the process

Thank you again for your continued support - we will get through this together!

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Sincerely,

Joseph Price,
Superintendent