



## RESTART/REOPEN 2020-2021

MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 20, 2020

Monroe Local Schools Families:

Before moving into our remote learning practice days on Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, we wanted to make you aware that teachers will encourage students to take home any personal belongings and instructional materials in case we have to shift to a hybrid or remote model immediately following Thanksgiving break.

### **Evaluating Our Return to School**

We want to reassure you that we will continue to monitor our situation daily. Our team will look at numerous data points and seek guidance from our local health department and medical professionals. We will review our staff and student positive and quarantine data, absenteeism, and staffing issues by building. This information will guide our decision to remain in school five days a week; make a shift to hybrid, or move to remote for a specific grade level, school building or district if necessary.

The Governor, Ohio Department of Health, Butler County Health Department, and medical professionals share that our schools are still safe because of the preventative measures we have in place. Although we do not see a spread of COVID in our schools, we are experiencing many students in quarantine. Quarantine is a precautionary measure required by the health department to prevent the potential spread and keep our students and staff safe.

We will do everything we can to preserve the current in-person schedule. Please be aware that if our staff and student quarantine numbers continue to rise and substitutes cannot be secured, we may need to shift to our hybrid or remote learning model. As educators, we know our students are best served when they can be here everyday and connected with their teachers. If changes are necessary, we will try to provide as much notice as possible.

### **Shortage of Substitutes**

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find substitutes to cover in-person teaching, learning, and supervision responsibilities with the increased number of employees quarantined. Our staff has done an outstanding job covering unfilled absences these past few weeks; however, continuing to respond in this manner is neither practical nor sustainable week after week. If you or anyone you know may be interested in substituting, please visit our website ([www.monroelocalschools.com](http://www.monroelocalschools.com)) to get more information and apply online.

**Free Resource for Internet Access**

If we have to move to our hybrid or remote model, there is a free resource from the Ohio Department of Education for families who may need internet access support. Please click on the following link for more information: [ODE RemoteEdX](#).

**Report COVID Cases Over Break**

If you need to report a positive case for your child during the holiday break from Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29, please contact the Butler Health Department hotline at [877-774-4636](tel:877-774-4636). **For us to accurately assess our student health data during the break, we encourage families to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 as well as any quarantines to this email address: [mlscovidabsences@monroelocalschools.com](mailto:mlscovidabsences@monroelocalschools.com). We will monitor this information throughout Thanksgiving Break. Please be sure to include your child's first/last name, grade, date of COVID19 test, and the onset of symptoms date.**

We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and break! We are grateful to serve such outstanding students, families, and supportive community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Demers  
Superintendent