



# THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Thompson Families,

With deep regret, I must switch Mary R. Fisher Elementary School students back to remote learning. Today, the district has an additional eight teachers out of school who are either in quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure or have tested positive for the virus. We made every attempt today to secure substitute teachers to cover classes to help keep MRFES open. Unfortunately, we were not successful in finding help to cover lessons.

As a result, MRFES students will remain in remote learning starting tomorrow, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, through Friday, January 29, 2021. It is our pleasure to return to onsite learning on Monday, February 1, 2021.

As I am sure you are aware, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the community is high, and the high rates of the virus impacts our ability to staff and operate our schools.

We will continue to hold onsite classes for students at Thompson Middle School and Tourtellotte Memorial High School for as long as we can ward off this infectious disease.

I thank you for your patience during this very challenging time. Please feel free to reach out to Shannon Grauer, Director of Nurses, at 860-617-3873 or by email at [sgrauer@thompsonpublicschools.org](mailto:sgrauer@thompsonpublicschools.org) to report COVID-19 exposures or positive cases within your family.

I am hopeful that the COVID-19 rates in our area will improve over the next few weeks, and the district can return to a regular school schedule.

Sincerely,

Melinda A. Smith, M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools

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