

Ashwaubenon Families, Students and Staff,

The Ashwaubenon School Board has made the difficult decision to continue remote learning through January 8th. This is a change to the previous decision made, and the district **will not** transition to a hybrid model of learning on November 30th.

Although the importance of having students back to school in person is very high, the safety of our students, staff and community members is something we cannot ignore. The following are some key factors that were involved in making this decision:

- The burden rate continues to be at a very high level
- No consistent downward trend is being seen in our [COVID guidance data](#)
- The impact that possible holiday travel and gatherings could have on the spread of COVID-19
- The safety risk for our students and staff
- Feedback from students, parents, and staff

Since we went to our current remote learning platform at the beginning of October, we have been working on a phased in approach to get our students back in person safely. Below you will find detailed information about these phases. Phases 1 through 4 have already been implemented.

**Phase 1** - Provide the school board with science-based guidance data that utilizes both local and Brown County Data. The [COVID dashboard](#) that includes this data can be found on our website or by clicking [HERE](#).

**Phase 2** - Small groups of students requiring specialized accommodations for their learning, specifically those who have an IEP or receive EL services, attend school in small groups or in a one-to-one setting. The district will also recruit and secure substitute teachers. We have signed contracts from 20 substitute teachers.

**Phase 3** - Bring in small groups of students (mainly on Wednesdays) who fall into the following categories:

- Students receiving interventions in the area of reading
- Students who are at-risk
- Students participating in specialized classes in areas that cannot be mirrored in a remote setting. Examples of such classes include chemistry labs, welding and mechanical engineering classes.

**Phase 4** - Provide AHS students the opportunity to begin co-curricular activities such as academic clubs like DECA, Math Team, Encore, and winter athletics. Just like we are doing in Phase 3 of bringing in small groups of students for academic reasons on Wednesdays and some other days, small groups of AHS students and staff can voluntarily choose to participate in these academic clubs, activities, and athletics.

**Phase 5** -The district will transition to in-person learning. Our goal is to return to in-person learning on January 11th.

**Food Pick-up Update:**

The Ashwaubenon School District will continue to offer free breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper to anyone 18 and under. Pick up times and locations are as follows:

Pioneer Elementary: 1360 Ponderosa Ave., 7am - 8am Mondays & Thursdays

Ashwaubenon High School: 2391 S. Ridge Rd., 11am - 12pm Mondays & Thursdays

Cormier Early Learning: 2280 S. Broadway, 2pm - 3 pm Mondays & Thursdays

For the week of November 23 - November 27: We will have pick up on Monday, November 23 for Monday- Wednesday meals. There will be no pick-up on Thursday, November 26.

I, along with all of the school board members, have heard from numerous students and families this past week, some expressing reasons why we should return to in-person learning and others sharing their concerns about returning to school while the risk is so high. We are listening, and we empathize with the challenges that you are going through. It is always our goal to do what is best for students and staff, while looking at local data for guidance in our decision making process.

As a district, we will do everything we can to continue to support our students and families no matter what learning model we are in. Thank you for your support and ongoing commitment to our students, staff and Ashwaubenon community.

Sincerely,

Kurt Weyers  
Superintendent of Ashwaubenon Schools