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Hello North Syracuse Central School District families,

All NSCSD schools will be resuming their hybrid schedule on Monday, January 4, 2021.

As we begin a new year, we will continue to closely monitor positivity rates in our schools and ensure a safe, healthy learning environment for all students and faculty. We are currently in the process of exploring additional voluntary asymptomatic testing with the Onondaga County Department of Health. Once dates and times are determined we will be communicating directly with parents who are interested in having their child tested with the non-invasive nasal-swab test. We will also continue to update the [NYS COVID Report Card](#) as we receive information on students and staff who test positive.

[As was previously communicated](#), the instructional model for grades 5-12 is being adjusted to offer students access to live, interactive instruction with their teachers. Throughout the month of January, teachers will be phasing in direct, live contact and synchronous interaction with remote and hybrid students in grades 5-12. Teachers will create schedules for live instruction during each period/block and communicate plans with their students. Students will be expected to log in at scheduled times with their camera active to meet with their teacher for a portion of the period/block. Parents should communicate directly with their child's teachers if they have questions.

Teachers will be delivering instruction on platforms such as Google Meet and Zoom. In an effort to maintain the integrity of the learning environment and respect student privacy, we remind parents not to take screenshots of students or record learning sessions. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our remote learning environments safe and private for our students and teachers.

I wish all of our NSCSD families a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles
Superintendent of Schools