

Daniel D. Bowles Superintendent of Schools www.nscsd.org

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Dear NSCSD Parents and Guardians:

I am writing with several updates as we head into the holiday break.

As a result of the increased number of positive cases in our community all of our NSCSD schools are now located in yellow zones. Mandatory testing has been completed at the following schools:

Allen Road Elementary KWS Bear Road Elementary Roxboro Road Elementary Roxboro Road Middle School North Syracuse Junior High School (NSJH) North Syracuse Early Education Program

The District is currently working with the Onondaga County Executive's Office to schedule testing for the following schools that are now deemed to be located in yellow zones:

Cicero Elementary Lakeshore Road Elementary Smith Road Elementary Gillette Road Middle School Cicero North Syracuse High School (CNS)

We will be sending out additional testing information for staff and parents of students in these schools.

The increase in positive cases at the **North Syracuse Junior High School and CNS High School** has created significant challenges with staffing and contact tracing. Given these challenges, all in-person instruction at these schools will be paused the week after the holiday break. Instruction at **North Syracuse Junior High School and CNS High School** will be fully remote from **November 30-December 4**. <u>All other K-7 schools will continue as normal</u>.

During this time, we will continue to closely monitor community spread and the impact it has on NSCSD students and staff with the intention of returning to in-person instruction at **North Syracuse Junior High School and CNS High School** on Monday, December 7.

I appreciate your continued support and patience as we work through the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

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