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Hello North Syracuse Central School District families,

As you know, Onondaga County continues to experience increasing numbers of COVID-19 positive cases. This increase has led to a significant number of students and staff members being required to quarantine for 14 days. This has created challenges in staffing our schools and contact tracing, as well as communicating with our NSCSD families and staff in a timely manner.

Given the challenges we are facing, and out of an abundance of caution for our faculty, students, and families, the North Syracuse Central School District has made the decision to **pause** all in-person instruction (PK-12) beginning Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. All students will participate in remote learning each day from December 17<sup>th</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. NSEEP pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students will be contacted by their classroom teachers to establish a daily remote instructional schedule. Students in grades 5-12 will follow their regular assigned schedule. At this time, we anticipate reopening all of our school buildings on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Students who attend CTE programs at BOCES can continue to go to BOCES next week. The District will continue to transport students or they can drive themselves to BOCES if they have been granted prior permission. Special education students who attend specialized programs outside of the District will be transported to these sites each day at their normal times.

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 safe and happy holiday break.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles  
Superintendent of Schools