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Dear Whitefish School Community,

This letter is to notify you that due to an increased number of COVID-19 close contact quarantines of high school staff, beginning tomorrow Monday, October 26, and continuing through Wednesday, October 28, all in-person learning for students and staff at Whitefish Bay High School will transition temporarily to full virtual learning. At this point in time, we do not have sufficient staffing to continue effective in-person learning operations. High School Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday will occur as previously scheduled.

Please know that we have carefully considered all options and are continuing to maximize the health and safety of all students, staff, and families. At this juncture, the High School plans to return to our blended model of in-person learning on November 2nd. Should there be a change to this plan, you will be notified as soon as possible.

As difficult as these transitions may be, the District is committed to continuing learning temporarily in our full virtual modality. Engaging in the virtual modality this week will maximize the health and safety of our students and staff, and stabilize the high school operations.

Cumberland Elementary, Richards Elementary, and WFB Middle School will continue in the blended model schedule for the week as indicated below:

- Mon, Oct. 26 Cohort A In Person Learning
- Tue, Oct. 27 Cohort B In Person Learning
- Wed, Oct. 28 AM Asynchronous Learning for all students & 4K-12 Parent Teacher Conf. as scheduled
- Thurs, Oct. 29 4K-12 Parent Teacher Conf. as scheduled
- Fri, Oct 30 Non-Instructional Day/Students off and half day Staff Professional Learning

Be reminded it is essential that students and staff stay home if they feel ill; wash hands often, continue to wear a mask; and be mindful of your physical distance. These strategies will allow the District to maintain an in-person modality option as much as possible throughout the pandemic.

All High School Staff should report to the High School to deliver virtual learning, unless you are under health department quarantine. Further direction to students and staff will come from Principal Amy Levek in the near future. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding during this transition.

Respectfully,

John Thomsen

Dr. John W. Thomsen - Superintendent of Schools



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**About COVID-19** -- COVID-19 is an illness caused by a new coronavirus. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Most people—especially young people—who get COVID- 19 have mild illness, similar to having a cold or the flu. However, in others it can cause severe illness, such as pneumonia. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (temperature 100.4°F or higher)
- Cough
- Trouble breathing
- Chills
- Muscle/body aches
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

The CDC's website has good information about COVID-19: <a href="www.cdc.gov/coronavirus">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus</a>.

**Prevent Further Spread --** The following guidelines will help to prevent further spread of illness at our school:

- Notify the school if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Notify the school if your child had contact with someone who you know was diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Keep students home from school if they are sick.
- Encourage good habits: frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, use of mask or face coverings in public, and staying home as much as possible.
- Continue to encourage your child to practice consistent mask wearing, physical distancing, and hand hygiene at school

For more information on COVID-19, visit the <u>District Frequently Asked Questions page</u>.