



# Whitefish Bay

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Greetings Whitefish Bay School Community and Staff,

I would like to offer a very sincere thank you to the District's students, families, teachers, staff and the larger community. We know that this hasn't been an easy time for our school community members. I remain very proud of our team members as we continue to thoughtfully navigate through the pandemic to best serve our school community.

We hope that all of our staff, students and families will have a very safe and happy holiday, and will continue to follow the best practices to contain the spread of the virus. We are hoping that if everyone does their part over the winter break, we will not see a spike in cases in January. Of greatest importance are to observe the [3 W's of prevention](#).

The CDC also has [helpful holiday celebration information](#). Employing these strategies will allow the District to maintain an in-person modality option as much as possible throughout the pandemic. Please see a practical and regularly-updated [COVID risk calculator](#) and decision-making app and the [DHS-designed decision guide](#) as references.

On January 4, 2021 we will return to school in the **Blended AA/BB Model with a Virtual Option**. We will continue to monitor our school-based metrics and operations, and we will notify you should there be any changes to this plan. Be reminded that Mon, Jan. 4 is Cohort A In Person Learning day and that we will continue to follow the [District Calendar](#) as indicated.

At the Regular School Board Meeting on January 13, 2021 the School Board will be discussing the model of instruction for the third quarter as well as reviewing a phase-in plan proposal.

For more information on COVID-19, visit [District COVID -19 Safety & Communications page](#). Please also review the [FAQ from our Community Health Advisory Committee and the District](#) that addresses holiday travel and gathering recommendations.

Thank you again for your ongoing flexibility and understanding as we work through the pandemic as a thoughtful and caring community.

Respectfully,

Dr. John W. Thomsen  
Superintendent of Schools