



December 28, 2020

Good Afternoon Ypsilanti Community Schools Students, Community, and Families:

We hope that the holiday season was filled with much joy! We know that the holiday season was much different than ever before, yet, it has taught us to enjoy the moment.

I am writing this letter to you today as the administration promised to communicate to families and stakeholders by today to allow you and your family time to plan and make final preparations for returning to school. We acknowledge that each time we make a decision, it impacts your family specifically. We have worked hard to ensure that we are thoughtful while continuously thinking about safety first, then our students' educational needs.

The District Administration, Building Administrators and Union Leadership reviewed multiple factors to plan for the return school such as the CDC and Washtenaw County Health Department data, staff quarantine numbers, building preparation and readiness as well as other key factors and have made the following decision regarding the return to school plan.

Here is the **tentative outline** of significant dates to remember:

Please note that we will address the following (3) learning modes of instruction as we have all year:

- **In-Person** - Students who began in-person instruction on September 8, 2020, at YCES/Estabrook and YCMS are expected to return to in-person instruction on Monday, January 25, 2021. Please note that your child will continue to receive remote learning instruction effective Monday, January 4, 2021, through Friday, January 22, 2021.
 - **Students in Grades TK-5** who attended in-person instruction at YCES/Estabrook will return for in-person instruction on Monday, January 25, 2021.
 - **Students in Grades 6-8** who were attending in-person instruction at YCMS will return to YCMS 2 days per week (Monday and Tuesday) for in-person instruction on Monday, January 25, 2021.
 - **Students in Grades 9-12** who were attending in-person instruction at YCMS will return to YCMS 2 days per week (Wednesday and Thursday) for in-person instruction on Monday, January 25, 2021.

- **Remote** - Those students who have received their instruction remotely to date will continue to receive their instruction remotely. They will continue to receive instruction remotely until Friday, February 5, 2021, and will tentatively begin in-person instruction on Monday, February 8, 2021.
- **Online** - Those students who chose to remain online for the entire 2020-21 school year will continue to receive their daily instruction online for the remainder of the school year. There will be no change to the existing schedule. Online instruction for these students will commence on Monday, January 4, 2021.

In addition to this letter, additional information will be provided by your building administrators and at the January 11th and future Board of Education meetings. Additionally, beginning in January, the weekly district memos will address the phase-in return plan.

We look forward to seeing you all when you return to school. Stay Safe and Happy New Year.

Superintendent Zachery-Ross!