



Morgan County Schools

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EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY

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Dear Morgan County Families,

On December 30, Governor Justice made the announcement that schools would continue on remote learning through January 15 and recommended that students in grades K-8 return to in-person learning on January 19. Students in grades 9-12 would attend unless the county was red on the WVDHHR map. If red, high school students would remain in remote learning. Morgan County Schools has received much feedback from the community and staff regarding in-person learning and has taken that input into consideration.

In response to that input, to the West Virginia Board of Education direction from yesterday's meeting and to the January 11, 2021 Executive Order by Governor Justice, Morgan County Schools has decided that the safest way to return to school on January 19 is with a blended model. This means that students will be returning to school only two days per week at this time in order to reduce the numbers of students in classrooms and on our buses. This will greatly improve our ability to social distance and enable us to better protect students and staff. This model will remain in effect through February 19. The board will reconsider options at that time.

To further explain, **families with students in grades PK-5 will be contacted on Friday by your child's teacher** to let you know which days your students will attend each week. They will either be in Group 1 or Group 2. Group 1 students will typically attend on Monday and Tuesday each week with Wednesday through Friday being remote learning days. Group 2 students will typically attend Thursday and Friday each week, with Monday through Wednesday being remote learning days. Families with students in multiple schools will be assigned to attend on the same days. Students in Warm Springs Middle School and Berkeley Springs High School will be split into groups by last name. Students with last names A-L will be Group 1 and will attend on Mondays and Tuesdays and students with last names M-Z will be Group 2 and will attend on Thursdays and Fridays.

Because Monday, January 18 is a holiday, Group 1 students will attend on Tuesday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 20. Group 2 students will attend on Thursday, January 21 and Friday, January 22. Please see the chart at the end of this letter for further clarification. If you are a parent who chose virtual school, your child will continue to have the option of virtual school.

January 22 is the end of the second marking period, and students and families are reminded to have all work submitted by this date. Report cards will be distributed on January 29.

We can all agree that there is no substitute for in-person learning, and we all want the students back in the classrooms full-time as soon as safely possible. We have 2,300 students, 314 full time employees and over 200 additional substitutes, coaches and other part-time staff. We understand that everyone has parents, grandparents, and other family members that they are concerned about, and we take our responsibility for safety very seriously.

Throughout this pandemic, we have always worked to do what we feel is best regarding students, staff and the community. We will continue to listen to feedback, investigate data, read the research and consult with our local health experts to make wise decisions for our return to school.

Thank you for your support. As a community, we are strong, and we can get through this pandemic together.

Sincerely,

Kristen Tuttle
Superintendent

	PVE, WES, WSIS Grades PK-5	WSMS	BSHS	PPES**	PPHS
Monday, January 18	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
Tuesday, January 19	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1*	All students	Group 1*
Wednesday, January 20	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1*	All students	Group 1*
Thursday, January 21	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2*	All students	Group 2*
Friday, January 22	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2*	All students	Group 2*
Monday, January 25	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1*	All students	Group 1*
Tuesday, January 26	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1*	All students	Group 1*
Wednesday, January 27	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
Thursday, January 28	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2*	All students	Group 2*
Friday, January 29	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2*	All students	Group 2*

*These students will remain on remote learning for the week when the WVDHHR map is red on the Saturday prior or turns red during the week. A call will be made each Saturday to let families know if the high schools are in-person or remote for the coming week.

**Due to the low numbers of students at PPES and the ability to social distance, students are able to attend all 4 days.

Meal Distribution Plan

Please bear with us as we navigate through this shift. Meals will be available for pick up at schools on Mondays (or the next school day if Monday is a holiday) for those who have previously signed up. Virtual students will be receiving a 5-day meal pack; remote students will be receiving a 3-day meal pack for the days the students are not in session. For the week of January 18, there will be no bus deliveries of meals due to the shortened week. If you have been signed up for bus delivery, it will resume the week of January 25. If you wish to pick up your child's meal packs on Mondays, please call your child's school to arrange pick up. If you have not previously signed up for meals and wish to do so, please contact your child's school for in-person pick up or transportation if you wish to have meals delivered by bus route at (304) 258-2430 ext. 2053 or 2054.

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Monday, January 18	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
Tuesday, January 19	Virtual and Remote	Virtual and Remote	Virtual and Remote	Virtual and Remote	Virtual and Remote

	Meal Pick Up at Schools	Meal Pick Up at Schools	Meal Pick Up at Schools	Meal Pick Up at Schools	Meal Pick Up at Schools
Wednesday, January 20	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 1*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 1*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 1*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 1*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 1*
Friday, January 22	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 2*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 2*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 2*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 2*	Meals Go Home on Bus with Group 2*
Monday, January 25	Virtual and Remote Meal Pick Up at Schools	Virtual and Remote Meal Pick Up at Schools	Virtual and Remote Meal Pick Up at Schools	Virtual and Remote Meal Pick Up at Schools	Virtual and Remote Meal Pick Up at Schools
Wednesday, January 27	Meals Distributed on Bus Runs*	Meals Distributed on Bus Runs*	Meals Distributed on Bus Runs*	Meals Distributed on Bus Runs*	Meals Distributed on Bus Runs*