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Brimfield Families:

We thank you for all of your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. We are grateful for everything you have done for our students.

While we were set to return on November 30, 2020, we need to extend the period of remote learning. We are experiencing staffing issues that will affect both schools. Since we have went out on remote learning, we have also tracked COVID testing data in the two main zip codes we serve, both Brimfield (61517) and Edwards (61528). Currently, the 14-day rolling average for the Brimfield zip code is 23.6% positive. The 7-day rolling average for the Brimfield zip code is 24.8%. The Edwards zip code 14-day rolling average is 18.9%. The 7-day rolling average for the Edwards zip code is 14.3%. We understand that the Edwards zip code encompasses more than just the Brimfield school district. For those curious, the website can be found at <http://covid-dashboard.fsm.northwestern.edu/>

Considering the staffing issues that we are experiencing, we are extending our remote learning period. The next date that we will plan to return is Monday, December 7, 2020. We are hopeful that staffing issues will be resolved and local metrics improve.

We continue to ask families to be mindful of possible spread with the upcoming holiday. We ask that you continue to socially distance, wash your hands frequently, and wear masks.

We also ask that you please contact the school with any changes in your family as it relates to COVID-19, such as positive cases, symptoms, and/or close contacts. The more complete information we have allows us to make decisions easier and quicker. Please email info to lonna.sumner@brimfield309.com

We all know that this situation remains fluid, with conditions and guidelines changing on a moment's notice. We continue to ask that you have back-up plans you can put into action with relatively short notice.

Yours in education,

Tony Shinall