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North Syracuse Central School District families,

I am writing with an update on students returning from Holiday Recess.

While it has been our intention to open school on Monday, January 4 using the hybrid model, the most recent positivity rates throughout the county and a significant increase of positive cases within our community and among our students and staff has raised significant concerns.

Many experts have attributed the recent surge in positive cases to holiday gatherings. Out of an abundance of caution for our NSCSD students, families, and staff, NSCSD will be continuing with fully remote instruction through Friday, January 15. Students will return to the hybrid schedule on Tuesday, January 19.

Elementary students will continue to follow their specific remote learning schedules and students in grades 5-12 will follow schedules developed by their teachers.

Students who attend CTE programs at BOCES can continue to go to BOCES next week. The District will continue to transport students or they can drive themselves to BOCES if they have been granted prior permission. Special education students who attend specialized programs outside of the District will be transported to these sites each day at their normal times.

We will continue to monitor the positivity rates over the next two weeks and keep our NSCSD community updated as we move forward during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles
Superintendent of Schools