

Dear River Bend Families,

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I wanted to provide a hopefully short update as we look to expand on-site learning at each building.

- **The recent Region 1 reassignment to Phase 3 does not impact schools. We have continued to see students needing to be quarantined for exposure or symptoms and have had two positive Covid 19 cases at the high school this week.**
- **As long as staffing, positive cases, and quarantines remain manageable the district will proceed with plans to bring back students throughout the month of October.**
- **Due to recent quarantines by staff and students, substitute teachers/paraprofessionals are critical to staying open. If you or someone you know has a bachelor's degree and are interested in subbing, we can put you in contact with the Regional Office of Education. Bus drivers are also needed for subbing and full time employment. Contact the district office if you are interested in being a bus driver or substitute teacher/paraprofessional at 815-589-2711 or email-vpetersen@riverbendschools.net**
- **Principals will communicate any updates to their on-site expansion plans with families.**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences- The district will offer both virtual and on-site conferences on Monday, November 2nd from 12:00-7:00 PM. Virtual conferences are preferred, but if this is not possible, on-site conferences can be scheduled. Classroom teachers and building staff will be reaching out to families to provide schedules. Tuesday, November 3rd is a required Illinois voting holiday. School will resume Wednesday, November 4th.**
- **Transportation - As we reach our goal of having all students on-site, we will need to monitor our bus usage. Students who ride buses that are near the 50 person limit will be contacted with transportation updates.**
- **Conducting school on Mondays or returning to a full day- At present, we still serve about 100 remote only families/students. Remote education takes place on Mondays and after school from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in various forms and at different times. After getting all students who choose on-site learning back in school, River Bend would like to begin having students on-site for Mondays as well. Our first Monday of on-site learning is projected to be Monday, November 23rd.**