PLEASE READ IN ENTIRETY - Important information for all families (PreK - 12) on Winter Break, Grades 6-12 Bus Dismissal, and Transportation.

Dec. 11, 2020

To Our Springboro Families:

I know that many of you are looking forward to our upcoming Winter Break (Dec. 21 - Jan. 3, 2021). As we move towards this holiday break, we continue to do so with the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff at the forefront of our thoughts.

FULL REMOTE (Jan. 4 - Jan. 8)

We have made the decision to make Monday, Jan. 4 through Friday, Jan. 8 (the five days after Winter Break) full remote days for **ALL students** in the district (Grades PreK - 12).

- Grades PreK 5: All Model A/Model B students will be on the same remote schedule Jan. 4 Jan. 8.
- Grades 6 12: All Model A/Model B students will be on the same remote schedule Jan. 4 Jan. 7, with Friday, Jan. 8 being a remote Intervention/Assignment Day. Further details on the expectations for the Jan. 8 Intervention/Assignment Day (Grades 6 12 only) will be communicated to you from your building principal and teachers, and can be found www.springboro.org/COVID-19Resources.aspx

Students, teachers, and staff who are symptom-free will return to school on Jan. 11, 2021.

Our hope is that these additional days following Winter Break will allow symptoms to develop for any individual who may have been exposed to COVID-19 during the break. Our two full remote days after Thanksgiving Break made an impact, and significantly reduced the number of quarantines for students/staff. We're hopeful this will have the same effect.

Information on how we will implement full remote for all students Jan. 4 - Jan. 8 will be forthcoming from your building principal and teachers. Remote schedules for all grade levels have been posted to our COVID-19 webpage under the "Remote Schedules (Elementary & Secondary Grade Levels)" tab - www.springboro.org/COVID-19Resources.aspx. Again, more details on how the implementation of the full remote days for Jan. 4 - Jan. 8 will be communicated to you from your school building principal and teachers.

CHANGE TO BUS DISMISSAL TIME (GRADES 6 - 12 ONLY)

Currently, in-person (Model A) students in Grades 6 - 12 are released at either 1:20pm (SI and JH) or 1:25pm (SHS). This still remains the same. However, starting Jan. 11, 2021, Grade 6 - 12 students who leave school via the bus, will now be transported by bus one hour later: 2:20pm (SI and JH) or 2:25pm (SHS).

Classes, or the traditional "school day," for all Grade 6 - 12 Model A students, will still end at 1:20pm (SI and JH) or 1:25pm (SHS). However, in an effort to alleviate conflicts with bus routes during the day, buses will now pick up students for the end of the day at 2:20pm (SI and JH) or 2:25pm (SHS). Any Grade 6 - 12 student awaiting bus transportation home, after dismissal, will wait in a commons area (gymnasium, cafeteria, etc.) in their school building, spaced apart, with a staff member supervising the area. Once the bus arrives, the students will be dismissed to their assigned bus.

There are no changes for students who DO NOT ride the bus home. Any Grade 6 - 12 student who DOES NOT ride the bus can leave school/be picked-up any time between 1:20pm – 2:20pm (SI and JH) or 1:25pm – 2:25pm (SHS).

THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE DISMISSAL SCHEDULE OR BUS SCHEDULE FOR GRADES PREK - 5.

TRANSPORTATION (BUS ROUTE INFORMATION: ALL GRADE LEVELS PREK - 12)

If your student rides a bus to school, please visit the Transportation Dept. webpage starting Friday, Dec. 18 - www.springboro.org/Transportation.aspx, in order to recheck your student's bus route information. Given some students recently switched models (in-person or at-home learning), there is the potential for the bus route information to have changed for the beginning of Quarter 3. Please recheck this information for your student(s) on the Transportation Dept. webpage (Using the "Bus Route Information Available Here" Link).

SUMMARY

We encourage you during this time to be safe. As reported, the number of community cases continue to rise due to small gatherings. Please take measures to protect you and your immediate family by practicing social distancing, wearing your masks and making every effort to perform good hand hygiene. While we understand that we cannot control what takes place outside of school, we ask that you are mindful and take precautions to keep you and your family safe, in order for Springboro Schools to continue to provide in-person learning during this school year.

If you or your child begin to notice symptoms while we are on break, please consult your doctor. We encourage you to get tested. If, over Winter Break (Dec. 21 - Jan. 3), you and/or your child(ren) have tested positive, please contact the Warren County Combined Health District (WCCHD).

Once we return from Winter Break (Jan. 4), if you and/or your child(ren) have been tested, please notify your school by calling the attendance line or building nurse. Please know that if anyone in your household does get tested, your student would need to remain home until the results of the test are known.

We thank you in advance for your commitment in helping keep our students, teachers, and staff safe. We fully understand and accept that we cannot eliminate all risks associated with COVID-19, but together, we can greatly reduce it.

Sincerely, Larry Hook, Superintendent