

December 18, 2020

Dear NBCA Families,

We want to announce some changes we will be making in our instructional delivery to students. As we promised at the beginning of the year, our decision making focuses on three essential questions:

1. Does this (our decision) help our students learn?
2. Does this keep students and staff safe?
3. Does this empathize with the needs of our families?

We understand how the COVID related changes and challenges have made life difficult for students, families, and staff. We are continually assessing how we are doing and looking at more effective ways to improve our systems and methods. Based on your feedback, student data, and staff input, we are making the following changes to our instructional delivery.

1. **The return to in-person instruction date will be moved to January 19, 2021. This will allow for a longer quarantine time following the holidays, for safety's sake.**
2. **Students who have chosen in-person instruction will attend school in the building Monday-Thursday and ALL students will be learning virtually every Friday. We have chosen this course of action to better meet the needs of all of our students and provide a more equitable education.**

Given this change in scheduling, parents will be provided the opportunity to choose the best instructional method for their child(ren). Please complete the Transfer Form by clicking on the link if you would like to have a different placement than what your child had in November (ex. My child was attending in-person and I want to switch to virtual instruction). The deadline for submitting the Transfer Form is Friday, January

8. <https://forms.gle/2mhqHLPKkQfwwSmN9>

All teachers will be on holiday break December 19-January 3. They will be communicating with you through email and Canvas as to the new Friday schedule. Students are to return to virtual instruction on January 4, so please be sure to put this date on your calendar so students are logging in and participating in the required Zoom calls each day.

**Here are important dates for you to note:**

- **December 18-January 8** – Complete Transfer Form if requesting a change from your child’s most recent placement (in-person or virtual) in November. You don’t need to complete this form if you want your child to remain as they were prior to November 19.
  - Any previous Transfer Forms for Trimester 2 are no longer valid, so please fill a new form out if you want to make a change.
- **January 4** – Virtual instruction resumes for all students through January 15.
- **January 11-15** - All parents requesting a transfer will be notified by Mrs. Huizinga to confirm placement.
- **January 18** – No school in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **January 19** – In-person and virtual instruction resumes.

A revised 2021 NBCA Calendar approved by the Board on 12/14/20 [NBCA 2020-21 Calendar Revised 12 14 20.pdf](#)

As always, we thank you for your partnership. We couldn’t do this without us all working together. We wish you and your family a happy holiday season!

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