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Dear Cheektowaga Central Parents and Students,

As I shared with you earlier this week, our district will move to a fully remote instructional model starting Monday, Nov. 16, through Tuesday, Nov. 24. During that time, our buildings will be closed to visitors and only essential staff will be on site.

Driving this decision is a higher than usual absence rate over the past week for both staff (15%) and students (10%), not all COVID related. We are moving to a remote learning model to build in health and safety measures for staff and students over the next two weeks. Our goal is to reopen safely as soon as practicable. I will keep you informed as we assess the situation after our Thanksgiving break.

It is imperative that this pivot to remote learning does not impact the instructional gains we have made this year. We are aware that many parents have concerns about real time online with teachers and our remote instructional schedules address that.

All students will continue to follow a daily schedule.

- At the elementary level, the day will include 30 minutes of calendar/morning meeting, 30-60 minutes of specials (depending on the day), 25-30 minutes of small group and 25-30 minutes of whole group read aloud/writing/theme. This schedule mimics an in person day, just without the lunch and recess.
- At the middle and high school levels, students will follow their daily schedule, (they must log on for the first period and stay on all day). All classes will be synchronous. The buildings will be sharing information throughout the day Friday and over the weekend.

During this time our [curbside meal program](#) will continue, our [Counseling staff](#) is available and assistance for technology issues can be found at techsupport@ccsd-k12.net or 686-3693.

A few calendar items to be aware of: Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, 24 become remote learning days, parent/teacher conferences on Tuesday, Nov. 24 have been postponed to a later date, Thanksgiving break will be held Nov. 25-27.

The designation of our area as a Yellow Precautionary Zone, emphasizes that the spread of COVID is continuing. Please remain diligent in mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. Please contact your building principal if you have any questions.

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