BUCYRUS CITY SCHOOLS

To: Bucyrus School District Families and Community

From: M.W. Chrispin, Superintendent

Re: Remote Learning Format – BHS and BMS

Date: 13 NOV 20

Effective next week, BHS and BMS will transition to a remote learning format. Multiple factors are driving this change sooner than I had hoped, but the lack of substitute coverage for teacher absences (expected and unexpected) make it impossible to hold in-person classes. The substitute teacher shortage has been an issue for Ohio prior to the pandemic. However, the past few weeks have depleted their availability due to the increased teacher absences from quarantine orders. Fortunately, we've had several teachers assist in covering classes when substitutes weren't available. Today, we hit a breaking point for BHS and BMS.

Here is the timeline for the transition:

Monday, November 16	BHS students attend school to receive final instructions, gather materials from lockers, sign out laptops and hotspots (if needed). <u>BMS students do not attend</u>.
Tuesday, November 17	BMS students attend school to receive final instructions, gather materials from lockers, sign out laptops and hotspots (if needed). BHS attend virtual classes (remote).
Wednesday, November 18	BHS and BMS students attend virtual classes (remote).
Monday, December 14	Pending favorable conditions, BHS and BMS students return to in-person educational format.
Monday, December 21	Semester exams.
Tuesday, December 22	Semester exams.
Wednesday, December 23	Winter Break

Extra-curricular activities will be restricted and considered on a case-by-case basis. Athletic teams will continue as scheduled. However, OHSAA is considering a delay to the start of the season. If this happens, I will communicate this to you as soon as a decision is made.

Pioneer students will remain on their regular schedule.

Additional details will be provided to students on Monday and Tuesday. Attendance and academic expectations remain the same during remote learning. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or the main office.