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Below is your Monday update for the week of January 11, 2021.

Return to School Update

Governor Whitmer held a press conference on Friday, January 8. In this press conference she encouraged school districts to provide in-person learning to the extent possible within the guidelines. The guidelines Governor Whitmer referenced are the “State of Michigan Guidelines for Operating Schools Safely.” These guidelines reconfirm Northview’s current practices for holding in-person learning. The stated practices include cohorting, the use of correctly worn face coverings, washing hands and using hand sanitizer, physical distancing and symptom screeners. To read the entire document, click [HERE](#). Northview will proceed with the [3rd quarter schedule](#) we announced on December 14, 2020.

Snow Day Protocol

You might be wondering how snow days will work this year. The short answer is “pretty much the same as in years past.” If winter weather makes coming to school unsafe on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, we will call a snow day for all students (including virtual students and in-person, cohorting students). Teachers will not be expected to post lessons or conduct live learning sessions on snow days.

Because Wednesdays are planned virtual learning days for all students, we will not call a snow day on a Wednesday. If weather is unsafe on a Wednesday, we may announce that all buildings are closed. In this case, appointments will be canceled for students who were planning to come into a building for intervention/special education services, etc. Again, this is not a 'snow day.'

There is no child care on snow days.

Mid-Year Assessments and Winter Report Cards

We know that many families are curious to know how their student is progressing in this COVID school year. At this time, teachers are busy preparing for mid-year assessments, individual reading plans and report cards. Reports cards will be shared in the coming weeks. Your building principal will connect with you soon regarding specific dates and accessibility.

Bus Route Changes (Grades DK-6)

If your student is in grades DK-6 and utilizes Northview bus transportation, he/she may have a route assignment change beginning on January 19. These changes will allow us to adjust our elementary start/end times and eliminate intra-district bus transfers. Students will receive a communication from the Northview Transportation Department on Friday, January 15 regarding route changes. Please look for that email for more information.

School Calendar Adjustments

Please note the following adjustments in our 2020-2021 school calendar:

- Thursday, January 14 - Half Day for DK-6 Students (only)
- Friday, January 15 - Half Day for DK-6 Students (only)
- Monday, January 18 - No School for Students or Staff in honor of MLK Day
- Monday, February 15 - Full day of school for all students*
- Wednesday, February 17 - No school for students (professional learning for staff)*
- Monday, May 10 - Full day of school for all students*
- Wednesday, May 12 - No school for students (professional learning for staff)*

*These changes were made so that we can maximize in-person learning within our existing schedule. Please make these changes on your family calendar. If you have questions, please contact your principal.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day there will be no school on Monday, January 18. Please click [HERE](#) to find local opportunities to volunteer in the Grand Rapids community in honor of the MLK, Jr. Day of Service.

Northview Community Education

Did you know that Northview Community Education is offering unique virtual learning opportunities for students? Please visit our webpage to learn more! [Northview Community Education Youth Enrichment](#)

Sincerely,



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