



## Message to Families: Change in Learning Model

Dear Families,

Earlier this week the North Cedar CSD received information from the Governor and Iowa Public Health Department of a significant increase in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our area. As a result, we will be moving from our current in-person instructional model to remote learning for all students.

Fortunately, we have planned for this scenario and are ready to quickly make the transition. We will begin the remote learning model for all grade levels on Monday, November 23, 2020. We do anticipate this to be a short remote learning period to mitigate the spread in our buildings over the Thanksgiving Break period.

Our decision to move to remote learning was not an easy one. With the significant increases of confirmed cases in our area, and the potential for more spread after the Thanksgiving break, we wanted to proceed with caution into the winter season. This remote learning opportunity will allow us to disinfect and mitigate COVID-19 cases in our district. It also provides us a "trial run" at remote learning. A survey will follow this short remote learning experience so if the need of an extended remote learning period presents itself in the future we will have appropriate feedback from our families and staff to make remote learning a valuable experience for all our students. We understand that remote learning can not replace our current in-person instructional model.

Please know that we are taking this action to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and families; and also to better improve the remote learning experience if it comes to this in the future. We hope to be able to return to in-person learning on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. This will depend on the status of COVID-19 and the guidance we receive from Cedar County Public Health.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Dohmen at (563) 942-3358 or [mdohmen@north-cedarstu.org](mailto:mdohmen@north-cedarstu.org).

Sincerely,

Mark Dohmen, Superintendent  
North Cedar CSD