

## NORWALK-ONTARIO-WILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Elementary School Brookwood Junior and Senior High School 28861 State Hwy 131 ◆ Box 130 ◆ Ontario, WI 54651

November 13, 2020 1:15 p.m.

Hello Falcon Families,

With a decision made after extensive collaboration with our administrative team, due to the substitute shortages we are experiencing next week, we simply don't have enough substitutes to effectively fill classroom instruction teaching positions. Therefore, we have had to make the difficult decision to transition our **7th-12th Grades Only** to a virtual learning model beginning on **Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>** (with Thanksgiving Break for all students November 25<sup>th</sup>-November 29th) and continue with a return to in-person learning on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>. **PreK-6th grades will remain in-person as normal** (which includes bus pick-up/drop-off times) and by doing so, we feel that we will have adequate sub coverage for elementary staff who may need it. All 7th-12th grade staff who are able will still report to the building as normal to teach virtually each day unless they are under quarantine, having symptoms of COVID-19, are being tested due to their symptoms, or have been advised by our school nurse not to be at school.

Transitioning the 7th-12th grade to a virtual model for a short time-frame will hopefully help our district utilize the substitutes in the elementary school that we do have available as efficiently as possible while trying to maintain optimal learning and teaching at all grade levels. This information will be going on our district webpage, posted on social media, and a Skyblast to all families will also be sent out this afternoon.

Athletics and extracurricular activities will carry on as normal as the virtual situation we are facing is simply due to substitute shortages and not a COVID-19 outbreak in our student body. There will, however, be no late busses for our 7-12th grade student-athletes during the virtual learning transition.

If your 7th-12th grade student needs a hotspot for Internet access or paper copies, please fill out a HelpDesk request or call the school. You can find more information at <a href="https://www.now.k12.wi.us">www.now.k12.wi.us</a> ---> Jr./Sr. High School ---> Mrs. Funk's Updates.

I know this situation is not ideal, but we'll get through it together. Thank you for understanding the situation we are in during the COVID-19 pandemic as we are continually working hard to educate our children here at N-O-W. Together, we truly are #FalconStrong.

Sincerely,

Travis Anderson
District Administrator
Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District