



December 16, 2020

Dear Rutland Schools Community:

Here is an update from the Rutland City Public Schools regarding school scheduling and planning during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Our December Break begins on Wednesday, December 23. Classes resume on Monday, January 4. Upon our return on January 4, our intention is to maintain the same classroom settings that we have used throughout this year: that is, in-person learning for grades K-9, and hybrid settings for grades 10-12. Students who are approved for remote classrooms would remain so. So in other words, our intention is to maintain the status quo; we do not plan to shift remote learning following the December Break.

We base our planning on the data that we see for cases in our community, as well as on information and directives that we receive from the state. Currently, there is no case information that indicates that we should learn remotely after vacation. Additionally, there is no directive from the state government that points us in that direction.

So as of now, your student will follow the same schedule and class setting as he or she follows today. However, as we have stated frequently, conditions may change quickly. At any point in this school year, we may have to shift some or all of our classrooms to a remote learning setting. Please continue to plan for that possibility.

A reminder on upcoming dates: no class on January 18 (Martin Luther King Day); no class on February 5 and March 12 (Professional Development Days); Parent Conferences take place over March 18 (afternoon/ evening) and March 19; and the February Break runs the week of February 15.

Also please remember that "snow days" will most often be remote learning days. We will remind students to prepare for the next day if there is the threat of significant inclement weather. Please remind your student to do the same.

A sincere thank you to our community for helping our schools move through the pandemic successfully. The end is not too far away. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Bill Olsen, Superintendent