



School District of the City of Iron Mountain

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This past Monday, October 12, 2020, the Iron Mountain Public Schools Board of Education (BOE) held its monthly full board meeting. At this meeting I was able to present to the BOE our reconfirmation of learning plan. This reconfirmation meeting will take place each month at our regular board meetings and will include a time for discussion regarding our current modes of instruction. I am pleased to announce that our modes of instruction are working well and we are able to serve our families' needs through our offerings. I am also very pleased to report that our students are doing very well staying connected with their classrooms in the event they have to choose remote learning for a period of time while not being able to attend school in person.

I would however like to remind our parents with students at the high school level, that distance learning, where students are able to use Google Meet to connect remotely into their classrooms, is not available for all students. Only students who have been advised by a health care professional, and whose names have been given to our central office by the Dickinson Iron District Health Department (DIDHD) will qualify for the distance learning option. Students who fall into this category are students who have a medical reason to be home from school, tested positive for COVID-19, or are under quarantine orders due to being in close contact with an individual who tested positive. We will only allow distance learning for students whose names are given to the school by DIDHD or who have a medical note from a doctor. All other students should be attending school in person. If your son or daughter is out of school due to non-COVID-19 illness, those students should be contacting their teachers to make arrangements for their learning during the time they are out. In some cases, these students may be asked to also connect remotely, or other arrangements will be made with the student. If a student falsely reports they have tested positive or that they are under quarantine, or are otherwise trying to avoid being in school, even though they may be connecting remotely, consequences may apply including ramifications to grades, GPA, and/or scholarship opportunities.

Lastly, in compliance with a new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) order issued last week, IMPS will be reporting our numbers for both staff and students who have been confirmed to have tested positive for COVID-19. This reporting began on Monday, October 12, 2020 and will be for any new confirmed cases from that point forward. Information will be posted within 24 hours of IMPS receiving notice from DIDHD. Please keep in mind due to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) and FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) laws, no personal information will be given regarding positive COVID-19 cases. Currently, our website is up to date, and you can visit our COVID-19 page for more information.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our office. Thank you for your support of the Iron Mountain Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerry Sardina'.

Jerry Sardina
Superintendent