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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Within the last 24 hours, we have been notified about three additional positive cases of COVID19 in our schools, two at our Upper Elementary School and one at Endeavour School. Notifications of close contacts of these cases are completed and you would have been notified if your child was a close contact.

We now have six classes, numerous additional students and many staff members across the district quarantining for a variety of reasons. We have several students out pending test results. We also know that we have parents, siblings and other close contacts of our students who have symptoms of or have been diagnosed with COVID19 in the past week.

For these reasons, we are finding that we cannot adequately staff our buildings in a way that makes us confident that the safety protocols that we so carefully crafted can be kept in place, nor in a way that facilitates the provision of high quality instruction. **Therefore, starting tomorrow, December 11, 2020 until January 4, 2021, the district will operate in full remote instruction mode.**

Here are some associated details. More details will be forthcoming from your child's teacher.

Technology:

- If you need a Chromebook, please reach out to your child's teacher. We will have pick up times available tomorrow.
- If you need tech support once you have the Chromebook, you can find a [request form](#) here or on the district website.

Schedule:

- School starts tomorrow at 9:00 am. This is slightly delayed so that we have time to talk to our staff. Please have your child log in to the teacher's Google classroom at 9:00 a.m. to follow the morning meeting Zoom link that they find there. The student day will end tomorrow at 1:00 pm

- The daily schedule for Monday, December 14 through Wednesday December 23rd will be provided by your child's teacher. Each week, the schedule will be posted on the teacher's Google classroom by Sunday evening.
- Special area instruction will not take place tomorrow, but will start on Monday, December 14.

School Meals:

- Lunches will be available for order and pick up on Tuesdays at Endeavour or UES.
- Orders must be placed by Thursday at noon.
- If you have already ordered for the week of December 14, you can pick your meals up at UES or Endeavour on Tuesday, December 15, between 10 am and noon.
- If you would like to order for the week of 12/21 , please complete the form for remote students on [this page](#) by Thursday December 17. The form is currently closed, but will reopen next week.
- If you have questions about meals, please contact dbarney@nhanover.com or alerner@nhanover.com

We remain committed to in-person instruction, and plan to return after the winter break. The Thanksgiving break resulted in a substantial increase in cases in our district, ultimately prompting this closure. We ask all of you to be mindful of your activities during the winter break so that we are able to safely return on time in January.

At that time, your Trimester 2 selections will take effect. If your child is returning from remote instruction during Trimester 1, you should receive homeroom and related information in the next 10 days. If you do not, please contact the school office directly. The school offices and the Board of Education office are still fully operational, so please reach out if you need assistance.

I wish you all health and peace.

Best regards,

Helen Payne

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