

ANSONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ansonia Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

We hope you and your family are safe and well. As a school district, we have been closely monitoring local, state, and federal public health guidance and data regarding the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Ansonia is currently at a positivity rate of 27.1%, which is in the red metric as shared by the state (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>). The Connecticut Department of Public Health created a town-level [COVID response framework](#) that indicates that, “in collaboration with Local Health Department and Superintendent, consider more distance learning above 25%.” While this number is concerning by itself, what is more concerning is that COVID numbers are increasing across the state. Ansonia Public Schools has done an effective job of mitigating the spread of COVID in our buildings. However, as a result of positive COVID cases in the state, our staff and families have been impacted by contact tracing and the need to quarantine. We understand the reason and rationale for the strict adherence to these procedures and we have enacted these policies, but the rigidity of these policies affects our ability to adequately staff our buildings.

As a result, we are announcing that in-person instruction will end on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020. PLEASE NOTE that the district’s Pre-K programs at Ansonia Middle School and Mead School will communicate separately with their families. We anticipate holding classes in a remote setting until Jan. 18, 2021. We will reassess our model based on our 14-day rolling average and our ability to staff our buildings. We will notify you as early as possible if we need to extend remote learning and/or when we need to transition back to in-person instruction.

Staff will continue to report to their schools to conduct remote instruction during this time of remote learning. We cannot stress the importance of our families in this process. Family support is essential during this time; we need families to ensure that students are logging in to their remote classes and completing the work assigned. The loss of learning during COVID has impacted children throughout the world. We implore you to reach out to your child’s respective school if you need additional support during this time; we are here to help and support our students. Please continue to do your part to help mitigate the spread of the virus while at home doing your remote learning, be cautious of social gatherings, and be prudent and judicious during the Thanksgiving holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in person as soon as we can.

During the full remote period, meals for students will continue to be available every day according to the Mobile Meals Distribution schedule at the end of this letter.

Once again, we are closely monitoring this situation and working with Naugatuck Valley Health Department and will provide you with updates as we know more. We thank you for your understanding, patience, and flexibility. Please stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



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MOBILE MEALS DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE (effective Nov. 16, 2020)

Ansonia Nutrition Program Truck

10:45 a.m. Nolan Field
11:05 a.m. Ansonia Middle School (front)
11:25 a.m. Boys & Girls Club, Howard Avenue
11:45 a.m. Colony Park
Noon North Main and Fourth Street

Ansonia Nutrition Program Van

10:50 a.m. Ansonia Library
11:10 a.m. Linnett Park (Crowley and North State)
11:30 a.m. Armory Parking lot
11:50 a.m. Beaver Brook Apartments
12:05 p.m. Beaver & Myrtle

School Bus

11:00 a.m. St. Joseph's Church Parking Lot
11:20 a.m. First Baptist Church (141 Prindle Avenue)
11:35 a.m. Mead School
11:55 a.m. Hilltop Hose Co. (80 Pulaski Highway)
12:15 a.m. Prendergast School