

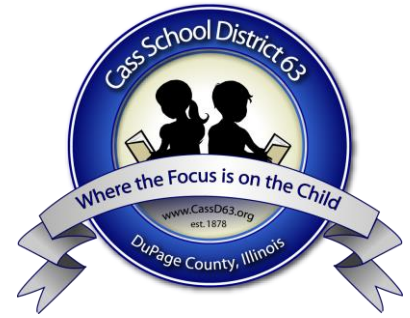
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Superintendent of Schools



October 29, 2020

Dear Cass School District 63 Parents,

Following are several brief updates for you as we wrap up another week. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns at all. Thank you!

Reminder – No Live Instruction Friday, October 30th

As a reminder, the Friday, October 30th School Improvement Day is an independent learning day without live instruction. Independent learning activities are assigned in advance for all School Improvement Days. Please email your child's teacher if you have any questions at all.

Reminder – No School on Election Day

Election Day is a mandated school holiday this year, so our schools will be closed on Tuesday, November 3rd. However, there will still be a full week of in-person instruction that week as our Tuesday/Thursday cohort of students will instead have in-person instruction Thursday and Friday, November 5th and 6th. In other words, in-person instruction will be held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. This is also shown on the [2020-21 Cass 63 District Calendar](#).

Attention Remote Parents – Survey Deadline November 5th

Parents of students who are fully remote for the first trimester should have received an email message regarding your plans for remaining remote or returning to blended instruction for the second trimester. This brief survey is due by Thursday, November 5th, at 4:00 p.m.

Parents, Great Job Reporting...

You have done a wonderful job reporting any concerns with close contacts and symptoms that could have an impact here at school. As far as self-reporting goes, I could not be any prouder of the cooperation and communication with helping us stay safe and healthy at school.

...But Please Follow the Rules

Having said that, the numbers in DuPage County are currently elevated and we need everyone to follow the rules. Halloween, friends, parties, family get-togethers and social events. If there is a need to be around people, then please wear the masks and socially distance. When in doubt, keep your kids at home for remote instruction. This not only keeps everyone safe, but it also helps keep our kids in school. Please up the vigilance with potential close contacts. Thank you.

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Cass School District 63 COVID-19 Dashboard

We were not surprised to see an increase in some of our numbers this week since our parents have now had two full two weeks to check symptoms daily as well as to report any close contacts. As a result, we do not expect to see a similar increase next week. The COVID-19 data will continue to be provided in my weekly communications each Thursday when it is also updated on the [Return to Learn Section](#) of our website.

Cass School District 63 COVID-19 Dashboard	
Total Known 2020-21 Positive Cases	1
Known Positive Cases Week of 10-19-20	0
Known Positive Cases Week of 10-26-20	0
Isolated or Quarantined Week of 10-19-20	32
Isolated or Quarantined Week of 10-26-20	53

Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year's parent-teacher conferences will be held virtually via the Zoom platform. Our school offices will be communicating more regarding conferences this year, but they will be held on Monday, November 23rd from 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 24th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There is no school for students that week of Thanksgiving when conferences are held.

Continued Communications Between Home and School

I will continue to keep you updated each week as we go forward and only ask that you continue to remain proactive and report as required to help keep everyone safe at school. There are no words to describe how much your incredible support of our teachers, staff and schools is appreciated. We also know how challenging this is for you as parents and we will continue to assist and support you in any way that we can in these unprecedented times.

Let's all continue to work together, follow the health and safety guidelines and keep our focus on doing what is best for the children entrusted to our care, whether they are here at school or with you at home. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mark R. Cross

Superintendent of Schools

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