

**Superintendent
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Bessemer City Schools



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As we prepare for a safe return to school after the holiday break, please be advised that January 5-20, 2020 will be remote learning for **ALL** students.

We will resume with traditional face to face and virtual instruction options on January 21, 2021. From that point, we will employ a five day a week schedule for ALL students and employees -- including virtual students. Wednesdays will be half days to allow time for teachers to attend to matters related to virtual students and other necessary professional development.

Below are bullet points of January's Return to School Instructional Delivery Plan:

- January 4, 2021: Employees return (virtually) for teacher's workday and/or professional development.
- January 5, 2021: All students return to school for remote learning. The instructional schedule will be four days a week, with Wednesday being designated for small group learning, intervention, conferences, etc. (January 5-20, 2021).
- January 21, 2021: Traditional (face-to-face) instruction returns for five days a week. Students on full virtual learning will continue on the learning from home model but must follow the five-day schedule.
- January 21, 2021: Five days a week instructional delivery method returns with each Wednesday being half student days.

Remember, parents may switch their child's instructional delivery method (from face to face to virtual, or from virtual to face to face) as long as they complete the appropriate paperwork. Parents have one opportunity during the school year to make this change.

All aspects of the plan and instructional delivery method are subject to change based on COVID-19 percentages and/or exposures in a specific school, area, or office/department location. Should any adjustments be necessary, you will be notified promptly.

Thank you, and we wish you a health and happy Christmas break.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our public relations consultant/liaison, Jennifer Gonsoulin at 205-2-410-3905.

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