



OCONTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Leaders & Learners . . . Today & Tomorrow”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of our students, staff members, and the community at large have been the driving factors in our decisions from the onset of the pandemic. Health experts continue to learn about the virus. Our public health organizations consistently provide updated guidance to school districts for the health and safety of all.

Through these organizations, some guidance was given to schools on the risk of in-person learning. This guidance does allow us to make decisions when we feel our schools can hold in-person learning safely. In looking at our school data and that of the community we feel we have an opportunity to make a decision for in-person learning for all students very soon.

However, without knowing the impact of the holiday season on our COVID cases, we will remain in a Hybrid for 5th--12th graders through the month of January. If we see a stabilizing or downward trend in COVID cases we will announce a return to school in February for all students. This will give us 3 weeks of data to establish a trend of our COVID community and school transmission risk levels.

When we return we want to feel confident in safely bringing students into our classrooms for in-person learning. As long as we remain in the minimal or moderate community and school transmission risk levels we will move forward with a return in February. Our school district attendance area has been at a moderate level for two consecutive weeks and our school transmission has been minimal. However, that can change if we do not remain vigilant as a community.

The health and safety mitigation efforts will continue to be a priority, such as limiting students' interactions outside of small “cohorts”, wearing face coverings, maintaining social distance, frequent hand washing, and sanitizing. Future considerations for a change in learning format will be influenced by our ability to maintain staff attendance and to have a limited number of quarantined individuals. We need our staff in attendance to support learning and our students to be healthy and in attendance for us to remain in person.

Please know we want all our students to be learning and achieving in an environment that will produce success for everyone. I appreciate your support and will continue to update you regarding our hopeful return in February.

Sincerely,

Emily Miller

Superintendent

District Office
400 Michigan Avenue
Oconto, WI 54153
P 920-834-7814
F 920-834-9884

Oconto Elementary School
810 Scherer Avenue,
Oconto, WI 54153
P 920-834-7808
F 920-834-9883

Oconto Middle School
Bayshore Community Academy
Northeast WI Learning Academy
400 Michigan Avenue, Oconto, WI 54153
P 920-834-7806 F 920-834-1240

Oconto High School
1717 Superior Avenue
Oconto, WI 54153
P 920-834-7812
F 920-834-7804