



## Clintondale Community Schools

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Barbara Van Sweden  
*Interim Superintendent*

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Dear CCS Parents and Guardians,

The district appreciates your ongoing patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19, the Governor's Executive Orders and MDHHS Emergency Orders during the 2020-2021 school year. The response from 552 parents to the survey that was sent out in December and asked how virtual learning was going for you and your student was very informative. The feedback provided the district with important information that helped us make decisions about learning options for the remainder of the school year.

The response to the survey in December told us that parents wanted a choice between virtual and in person learning. This would allow each family to select the learning format that best met the needs of their student and family. You also provided important information that would help the district make improvements in the virtual learning environment. We heard that the district needed to improve communication with parents of virtual learning students and provide additional academic support for our virtual learners. We also recognize that we need to improve overall attendance for all students. This will be achieved by continuing to partner with families, teachers, administrators and our students so that clear expectations are communicated and support is provided to our students.

**The decision by the Board of Education on Monday, January 11 to continue virtual instruction for all students through Monday, February 1 was made after reviewing a variety of data and information from surveys. Effective Tuesday, February 2, the district will return to offering in person and virtual learning options for students. (February 2 is the first day of the second semester.) It is very important that every parent completes the Second Semester Commitment Learning form by the end of the day on January 12.** The learning option you select will go into effect on February 2. Please watch for more information about your child's schedule for the second semester in the next few weeks.

As we move forward to completing the first semester, please continue to reach out to your child's teacher, counselor, social worker or building principal if you have questions or concerns about your child's academic progress and/or emotional health. These are very trying times for all but we are available to support all students toward achieving success.

Again, thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we work to complete the first semester. I look forward to happier, healthier times in the next few months.

Regards,

Barbara VanSweden  
Interim Superintendent