



Good afternoon, this is Southwestern Superintendent Jeff Bates with some very important news regarding Southwestern Schools. Beginning Monday, December 13 and continuing through Friday, December 17 ALL Southwestern Schools will be operating on a virtual format due to a shortage of essential staff. Southwestern Elementary, Middle, and High Schools will all be virtual the entire week of December 13.

Because this is a staffing issue and not a student quarantine issue, extra-curricular activities will still take place as scheduled. Southwestern Schools will still provide students with meals next week. Those students who ride buses to school should expect to receive a phone call from their bus driver this evening inquiring about meal delivery. Meals for the entire week will be delivered to those students whose parents indicate that they would like meals on Monday and Wednesday (12/13 & 12/15). Any student who does not ride a bus to school can make arrangements to pick up meals on Monday and Wednesday (12/13 & 12/15) by calling Katie King @ 812-866-6254 by 11:00 am tomorrow (Friday, 12/10).

Students that attend the Southeastern Career Center will still go to the Career Center next week. They will, however, need to provide their own transportation to Southwestern and then we will bus them from Southwestern to Versailles. If your child will not be able to get to Southwestern to catch the bus to Versailles please call the high school office @ 812-866-6221 to let us know.

Parents please check your email for more specific information from the Principal of your child's school. You will also be able to access this information on Southwestern's Facebook page.

I sincerely apologize for any hardships that this may cause for you and your family and I appreciate your understanding and support. Our plan, and hope, is to return to regular in-school learning at our campus on Monday, January 3.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Bates, Superintendent

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