

9-3-20 SCHOOL MESSENGER

Good evening.

This is Dr. Eddie Campbell,
Monongalia County Schools' Superintendent,
with an extremely important update
about our students' return-to-school
this coming Tuesday.

Given the continually increasing incidence
of COVID-19 cases in Monongalia County,
we are now anticipating
that ALL of our students
will return to a week of remote instruction
beginning Tuesday, September 8th.

Let me repeat that:

Considering the current trend
in the number of Monongalia County's daily COVID cases,
ALL Monongalia County Schools' students will,
in all probability,
begin the new school year remotely
Tuesday, September eighth.

Our probable pivot to a week of remote instruction
will be declared officially at 9 p.m. Saturday
by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
IF Monongalia County's "Seven-day rolling average" of daily cases reaches 25.

Current DHHR metrics
assign Monongalia County a rolling average
of 23-point-13 daily COVID cases.
Monongalia County's rolling average last Thursday
was just 7-point-44,
and we have no reason to believe
that the increase in our county's daily rolling average
will slow
or reverse
in the immediate future.

Also, please allow me to explain
that this past Monday,
the West Virginia Department of Education
announced that all students' in-person attendance
in all county school districts
will be determined by the DHHR's weekly assessment
of each county's COVID rolling average.
This weekly, county-by-county assessment

will be posted at 9 p.m. every Saturday evening
on the DHHR, Department of Education and Monongalia County Schools' websites.
It will define the instructional delivery models
available in each county
for the coming week.

Please note that Monongalia County's original Return-to-Learn plan
was created to offer families
the consistency of knowing
that if Monongalia County students were required to attend school remotely
at any time during the first nine weeks of school,
they would continue to attend remotely throughout that first nine weeks.

Our original Return-to-Learn plan –
filed with the Department of Education on August 14th –
is superseded by the Department of Education's
week-by-week model.

Please keep your phones nearby
as you enjoy this final holiday week-end of the summer –
and please enjoy it safely.

Thanks for listening – and I'll be in touch again soon.