



# *Akron Central School District*

## *In Pursuit of Excellence*

*Patrick D. McCabe*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Akron Students, Parents, and Staff:

This week we began our COVID-19 testing program here at ACS. A letter outlining the results of that testing and possible next steps will be posted on our website Friday morning. The testing process and corresponding data it revealed has been instrumental in monitoring the success of our mitigation strategies. We are thankful to all of those students and staff members that participated in the testing program and to the many people that helped to organize and implement it.

We have, however, been informed of positive tests results from community based testing that has significantly impacted our staffing. Between Tuesday and today, we were notified of 7 staff members that have been issued isolation or quarantine orders. This is in addition to 9 staff members that were already out for COVID-19 related reasons. That trend, along with the increase in positive cases in Erie County, and particularly, the 13.9% positivity rate reported for Akron, has led to the difficult decision to transition to a fully remote model for all grade levels **effective Monday, December 14, 2020.**

Students are expected to fully participate in all instruction following the schedules that are specified in our [Fully Remote Instructional Model](#). We will follow the trends in Erie County and Akron specifically using all available data, and will also engage in frequent monitoring of staffing levels in order to determine an appropriate reopening date that will be after the Holiday Recess.

Thank you for your continued understanding. Please contact me or your building principal if you have questions.

Sincerely,  
Patrick D. McCabe  
Superintendent of Schools