



November 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

At a board meeting this afternoon the Chatfield School Board of Directors voted unanimously to return Chatfield School to remote learning. Due to the spike in the numbers of Covid-19 cases in our county, state and nation the board has chosen to proactively return to remote learning for the safety of all students and staff.

**Effective Monday November 23 all instruction will be delivered remotely.** All teachers have been working hard to prepare for the possibility of remote instruction and will be contacting their homerooms with a detailed plan and schedule for instruction. Students will be bringing home their Chromebooks by Friday, November 20. Remote instruction will begin on Monday November 23 and run through Friday January 9, 2021. Our hope is to return to face to face instruction on January 11, 2021. The board of directors will be using data and information from the Lapeer County Health Department to determine when it is appropriate to return to face to face instruction.

Attendance and active participation in remote online instruction is required. All students should continue to be working for excellent grades and mastery of content. Keeping students engaged and learning through remote instruction is critical. We do understand that some areas of our community struggle with internet connectivity. These issues should be discussed on an individual basis with the homeroom teacher. We will continue to follow the current school year calendar for school days and breaks.

This was a very difficult decision. Our board has spent a lot of time thinking and working through this decision. Our board members are outstanding individuals and care deeply about our students and school. They are all current or former parents. Ultimately, the safety of our students and staff remains our most important concern. All of us play an important role in the safety of others. During this time we strongly encourage you to follow all safety guidelines and protocols. We encourage you to limit your child's exposure to others to help control the possibility of exposure to and spread of Covid-19. Your child's education is important but not at the risk of their personal health.

We are very proud of our teachers and know that they will do an outstanding job during this remote learning experience. Our motto this year is "We are all in this together." and we all need to support each other. Our kids deserve this. We will get through these challenging times and be a stronger community. As always we will do our best to provide your child with the best and safest education possible.

Sincerely,

Matt Young and Bill Kraly  
Co-Directors