



Sturgis Charter Public School
An International Baccalaureate World School



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Dear Sturgis Families,

I write to you today with two important updates about our school programming.

First, Sturgis East will return to in-person learning for Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th. Both schools will be in-person as typically scheduled for those two days.

Secondly, this year has been incredibly challenging for everyone in our school community. As winter sets in and COVID numbers escalate, the human and operational strain has grown formidable.

I strongly believe that students learn better in person. However, I cannot ignore the data, and it is clear that we are seeing a significant rise in cases here on the Cape. Neither our students nor staff are immune to community spread, despite all the protective measures that we have put in place.

In response, Sturgis (East and West) will be fully remote until winter break, beginning Monday, December 14th. We will follow the [fully remote schedule](#) that is described in our [return-to-school plan](#). Please note that the fully remote schedule has different times for periods than our current hybrid schedule. My hope is that this transition to a fully remote schedule for these six days of synchronous learning will mitigate any virus spread that would impact students, families, and staff over the holiday break.

Our faculty and staff have demonstrated fortitude, compassion, creativity, and commitment in 2020 under extraordinarily trying circumstances. Please join me in thanking them.

I will communicate with you prior to the start of winter break with an update about our January programming.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Paul Marble
Executive Director