

TROUSDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Parents/Guardians:

On August 27, the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) introduced a new flexibility that allows identified classrooms or schools, with the Commissioner of Education's approval, to transition to temporary remote learning when necessary due to increases in COVID cases, quarantines, or staffing shortages. This flexibility introduced by TDOE does not allow for the entire district to shift to remote learning. In other words, any COVID building closures would only affect specific classroom(s) and/or school(s), while other schools and classrooms would remain open.

While our school district continues to prioritize safe, daily, and in-person instruction with as few learning disruptions as possible, it may sometimes become necessary to temporarily shift to remote instruction for specific classrooms/schools where we have staffing shortages. Should this occur, we will communicate any closures through our parent notification system and the district website. The identified classroom(s) or school(s) would temporarily transition to remote learning on the first day of closure. As with any unexpected school closure, parents should always have an emergency childcare plan and be prepared to support students' learning while at home. Additionally, students should bring their provided devices home daily to be prepared for any shifts to remote learning.

In such cases of classroom/building closures, students will engage in remote learning and will be required to log in to live Google Meetings at the same time as the student's regular classes. Students will also be required to submit assignments electronically in the Google Classroom learning management system. Further details, including guidance for students without internet access at home, are provided in the attached guidance document. Student attendance and grading accountability are the same as an in-person school day. Parents can access student attendance and grades through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Trousdale County Schools will do everything possible to remain open for in-person learning. However, we are prepared to shift to remote instruction when staffing shortages necessitate a classroom or school closure. This keeps students engaged in continued learning and prevents us from exhausting our inclement weather days, which are intended to prevent the district from losing vacation/school break days or extending the school year. Please review the attached document and reach out to your student's teacher with any questions that may arise.

Thank you for your support and understanding during these challenging times.

Sincerely,



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