



Sachem Central School District

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Good evening Sachem Family,

You may have heard by now we have decided that upon return from the holiday break for the week of January 4th -8th, we will transition secondary students grades 6-12 to distance learning rather than in person learning. Secondary students will return in hybrid format for in person learning on Monday, January 11th. The reasons behind this are as follows:

- The impact of school based and personal quarantines for students, their family's and staff.
- The ability to cover classes and the impact on teaching and learning
- The ability to have both Orange and Blue secondary cohorts taught together as an added benefit

Students at the elementary level have been very successful since the beginning of the school year. They have developed rituals and routines that have created a level of support that our youngest learners need. We will send additional resources from the secondary buildings such as substitutes, hall monitors, lunch aides and the like to the elementary level during that week.

You will find the secondary distance learning schedule and other information in regards to this plan posted on the District website by next week. Students attending offsite Boces will continue to do so during this distance learning week and sports scheduled to start January 4th will still do so. If you have any questions please reach out to me, your building principal, or your child's teachers.

Please stay well and enjoy the weekend.

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