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Dear Grand Blanc Families,

I thought there may be some questions with all the recent news, so I wanted to reiterate that Grand Blanc Schools will proceed with our plan to move elementary students to remote learning after Thanksgiving break, **beginning November 30th**. As a reminder, Wednesday, November 25th remains a remote half day for all students as scheduled.

- Elementary buildings will be communicating soon about remote learning after Thanksgiving.
- Elementary families who would prefer to keep their student(s) home on face-to-face days before Thanksgiving break should know that our buildings have been asked to mark them as “excused” as long as contact is made with the school to let them know they are absent due to COVID-19 concerns.
- GSRP (preschool) students will be moving to remote learning after Thanksgiving.
- As a licensed childcare facility, Children’s Garden will remain open for in-person preschool and school-age care. They have [limited availability](#) to take new preschool to 5th-grade students.
- We will communicate very soon about next steps if you would like to switch your student(s) between Bobcat Virtual and remote/hybrid learning for the second semester. We will not be allowing families to switch after the opportunity offered at the semester, so please be informed about your decision.
- GBHS CTE will move to remote until at least December 8th in compliance with the MDHHS order. This includes approximately 140 students who have been attending in hybrid at GBHS due to hands-on certification requirements.
- Special Education’s self-contained classrooms will continue to meet in their current schedule. This was decided with input from both families and staff involved. The MDHHS order makes an exception for those students.
- Grand Blanc’s sports teams will continue to follow the direction of MHSAA and the MDHHS. This means that all athletic activity will pause beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, November 18 and be reconsidered for return on December 8th.
- All extracurricular activities for all ages that were meeting in person are paused until at least December 8th.
- Building offices will remain open from 9am-3pm, including our administration building. Security will continue to screen staff and any visitors at the door of buildings for COVID-19 symptoms.
- [Food distribution](#) will continue on Fridays, with the exception of the following holiday dates: November 27th, December 25th and January 1st. Free breakfast and lunch is available for pickup to ALL our students.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to express my sincere THANKS for our supportive community in Grand Blanc and our hard-working staff that has been flexible throughout this crisis. Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clarence Garner".

Clarence Garner  
Superintendent  
Grand Blanc Community Schools

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