## **Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District**

## **District Office**









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Hello APW families,

As you know, there are now 45 states and territories that, if visited, will require a 2 week quarantine upon returning to New York. We have three breaks from school coming up that our Admin Team has been discussing for a few weeks now—Winter Break, February Break and April Break. Will people travel to any of the 45 states and territories that will require a quarantine upon return? We all imagine that many of our staff and families need to see loved ones that they haven't been able to visit since March. There are also some that will be anxious to visit a warmer climate and will need to quarantine upon their return. If even one person; staff or student decides to not follow the strict quarantine rules - there will be the possibility of a COVID-19 outbreak in our schools – further quarantining and possible shut downs.

Our first priority remains the safety and health of our students, faculty and staff. Therefore, we have made the decision to pivot to 100% remote instruction for all students for the two weeks following each of these breaks. For your planning purposes, the exact dates for the 100% remote instruction are:

- January 4 15, 2021
- February 22 March 5, 2021
- April 5 April 16, 2021

Due to the nature of their programming All CitiBOCES CTE and Special Programs will be in session during the two weeks after the breaks-- We encourage parents of those students to quarantine if the travel restrictions affect their household. These programs include:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Street School
- Make Sense
- Bridges
- Sharp Elementary
- Rome School for the Deaf
- PTEC
- Central Square Middle School
- CITI Exceptional Ed
- 12:1:1 classrooms on APW Campus
- APW A+ Students

Thank you for your understanding,

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Superintendent of Schools