



Dear ZED Families,

11/13/20

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation as we navigated the first quarter of the school year. We strive to keep our students in the classroom as much as possible, so it is with a heavy heart that I write to you today. Due to the rapidly deteriorating public health conditions, lack of available staff for onsite programming, and the rising transmission rates within the seven ZED member-district counties, all ZED on-site programs (ZED South Campus, ZED ALC, and T2Success) will shift to distance learning next week. After consultation with the Minnesota Department of Health Regional Support Team, Olmsted County Health, and ZED's local incident command team, there was firm agreement that this was the appropriate and safest decision for our students, staff and families.

Here is the current plan:

- **Monday, Nov. 16:** No school - ZED staff planning day
- **Tuesday, Nov. 17 - Tuesday, Dec. 1:** Distance learning for all ZED students
- **Wednesday, Dec. 2:** resume in-person learning for K-5 students and hybrid learning model for middle/high school hybrid

We will be closely monitoring the situation; should there be changes to this learning model, such as the need to continue with distance learning, we will communicate to all families no later than **Monday, November 30**.

You will be contacted by your child's teacher or case manager in the next few days with more specific information about next week's shift. Updated information can also be found at <https://www.zumbroed.org/domain/143>.

Should you have questions or need to contact your child's school:

ZED South: 507-775-2108	dellingworth@zumbroed.org
ZED ALC: 507-775-2083	astites@zumbroed.org
T2Success: 507-775-2083	pames@zumbroed.org

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation, support, and patience as ZED continues to adjust to the evolving public health situation.

Sincerely,

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