



Northern Suburban  
Special Education District

November 19, 2020

Dear NSSED Families and Staff,

### **Phase Change Announcement**

On Tuesday, we communicated that NSSED is shifting to Remote Learning for programs and services (Phase 1 in our Reopening Plan), on Monday, November 23. This adaptive pause includes:

- all NSSED programs,
- all NSSED satellite classrooms, and
- all NSSED itinerant and related services, and district services coaching.

This decision aligns with the [majority of our member districts](#). We anticipate continuing this adaptive pause until Tuesday, January 19, 2021. However, if we are able to coordinate with member districts and families, and we feel it is safe to provide some level of specialized in person support shortly after returning from Winter Break, we will. Here is the [email](#) again for your review. Please work closely with your administrators who are available to answer any questions.

### **Self Certification Continues in Remote Learning**

All families and staff must continue to complete the self certification process every weekday during the period of remote learning. This data will inform our planning and decision making. It is also important as we continue to work closely with health department officials on COVID-19 related matters.

### **Families: Spring 2021 Learning Model Selection and Transportation Selection Form**

We will continue to offer an all-remote learning plan to all families through the end of the school year. Please use the form below to let us know which learning model you choose for your child for the period after winter break. *Please know if you are choosing the all remote option, you are committing to this learning model from January through the end of the school year.* If you have questions, please contact your administrator.

- The form also asks you to choose whether your child will use NSSED transportation services, or whether you will provide transportation for your child from January through the end of the school year.
- If you have more than one child enrolled in an NSSED program, please complete this form for each child.
- Please complete the form below to indicate your choices by Tuesday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m.:
  - [Learning Model and Transportation Selection Spring 2021](#)
  - [Selección de Modelo de Aprendizaje Familiar y de Transporte Primavera del 2021](#)



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We also would like your feedback on your family's experience this past fall; we need your perspective for our planning and continuous improvement. Please complete this brief survey:

- [Family Survey November 2020](#)
- [Encuesta Familiar noviembre 2020](#)

### **NSSSED Staff Blended Remote Learning Survey**

Please respond to this [staff survey](#) by Tuesday, November 24, 2020; we need your voice to continue to inform our planning and continuous improvement. Please note: you must be logged into your [nssed.org](#) Google account to access the survey.

### **Family Support**

These are challenging times, and there is support available for families:

- NSSSED's Parent Engagement Facilitator, Tracy Hellner, can help you find community resources and other information. Connect with Tracy at [thellner@nssed.org](mailto:thellner@nssed.org).
- The [Association of Parents and Staff](#) offers parent education and is a supportive group of member district parent leaders. Contact APS Board President Kristen Endre at [apspresident@nssed.org](mailto:apspresident@nssed.org).
- The [NSSSED Foundation](#) is a potential source of financial support to families during this time. Depending on the request, the Foundation may be able to assist families in need. Send a brief request to the NSSSED Foundation at [nssedfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nssedfoundation@gmail.com).

### **Thanksgiving Holiday**

Please note there will not be a weekly message next week. We hope you enjoy a safe Thanksgiving celebration! Please seriously apply this guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health. With the significant community transmissions everywhere, we must all work against COVID-19 fatigue and make adjustments to our traditional holiday plans in order to prevent further illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths.

- [CDC: Celebrating Thanksgiving](#)
- [IDPH Holiday Season Safety Tips](#)

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