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Dear NorthSTAR Families,

I am writing to share important news regarding your school program at NorthSTAR. **Beginning Monday, October 18, NorthSTAR will pivot to a remote learning environment through Tuesday, November 23, 2021.** This is a temporary transition due to ongoing staff shortages. This decision will be reevaluated throughout the coming weeks.

Beginning Monday, October 18, students will log on to Google Classroom and follow their schedules via remote learning with their teachers. Your child's teachers are preparing materials to give students the tools needed for this shift. Please ensure your children's Chromebooks are fully operational with access to the internet. Students who still need a Chromebook or hotspot can request one by contacting the school's main office at 585-324-9945.

I understand this decision may require a significant change to your schedule, and I want you to know that it was made with the safety of students and staff as the top priority. This temporary move to a remote model of instruction will allow us to better support students during the current staffing challenges we are facing. This change will also allow us to continue providing students with their full schedules and related services. I realize that this pivot to remote learning may be challenging for some students, so additional social-emotional supports will be available to any students who need it.

The District is aggressively recruiting staff and doing everything possible to return to in-person learning. We will continue to reevaluate staffing and will provide updates.

In the meantime, we would like to invite you to a virtual meeting to answer your questions and hear concerns. I thank Principal Rutland for hosting this conversation. Please [click here to register](#) for this Zoom meeting on **Thursday, October 14, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.**

I want to reiterate that this is a temporary pivot for our NorthSTAR students. We are committed to providing a high-quality, in-person learning experience to all of our students, and we are making every effort to resolve this issue before the Thanksgiving break.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesli C. Myers-Small".

Dr. Lesli C. Myers-Small
Superintendent of Schools