

News Release

School Town of Speedway – Thursday, February 4, 2021

Speedway Families,

We hope this finds you healthy and well. We are now in our 23rd week of what has undoubtedly been a year unlike any other in our school district. At this time, Speedway Schools has had 90 days of in-person instruction and 21 days of virtual learning. We again want to express our appreciation for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for our students. The precautions and protocols that have been implemented continue to allow effective learning to take place daily within our classrooms. We would like to share some district COVID-19 data, future dates, and news regarding our personnel.

COVID-19

This chart depicts the number of current confirmed cases in our district as of February 3, 2021.

School	Confirmed Cases
Speedway HS	0
Speedway JR	3
Allison	1
Fisher	0
Newby	0
Wheeler	0

Beyond the data reflected in this chart, we do have other staff members and students who are home from school due to experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and those who must quarantine due to being determined as a close contact with a person who has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. Our administrative team follows guidelines set by the Marion County Public Health Department and Indiana State Health Department in order to determine which students and staff members must stay home from school in these circumstances. We cannot thank you enough for your understanding in these difficult situations.

Upcoming Dates to Note

Friday, February 12, 2021 - Professional Development Day (No School for Students)

Monday, February 15, 2021 - Presidents' Day (No School)

Friday, March 26- April 5, 2021 - Spring Vacation (No School)

Thursday, May 27, 2021 - Last Day for Students

Personnel

During the fall semester we had three employees, Laura Brim, Tyler Carmichael, and Luke Zartman, who resigned from our corporation. These are personnel matters that we are legally required to keep confidential. We can share that the school corporation has filled the Junior High English position (Krisandra Johnson) and Social Studies position (Sam Ahrens) for the rest of the semester. Also, Speedway High School assistant principal, James Claybourn, will be the leading administrator for our high school for the remainder of the school year. Retired Speedway Schools superintendent, Ken Hull, is supporting our high school as well as a temporary administrator.

While COVID-19 and personnel circumstances have created disruption to our traditional school year, what has not changed is our district's commitment to our students and this community. We want to assure you that in all that we do, student learning and student safety are prioritized. We are proud of the academic rigor our teachers have maintained throughout this pandemic and proud of how hard our students and their families have worked to build resilience during this time. The Sparkplug community is second to none.

We are examining options to streamline our district's communication to you and seeking communication solutions that are accessible to our highly diverse school community including

the multiple language backgrounds we serve. We will share more about our selected solution as it becomes available.

If you have any further questions or information you'd like to share we encourage you to communicate directly with school officials. The district office phone number is 317-244-0236. We would be happy to answer any questions regarding our schools. Our partnership between schools and families is paramount for the success of our children.

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Superintendent