

### **11/15/2020 Updates**

Timberlake Public Schools is making some changes in an effort to avoid major disruptions and severe spread of the Covid-19 virus. Many schools in the area have closed their doors through Thanksgiving due to a major spike in positive cases in the surrounding areas. Our hope is to avoid this becoming necessary at Timberlake.

During the upcoming week, families can choose for their child to attend virtually with no effects to their long term placement. While they can return to in-person instruction following Thanksgiving Break, this decision will need to be made for the full week so teachers can plan accordingly. We do ask that any families choosing this option notify their driver that they will not be riding, as well as the school office in the morning. Arrangements will be made to deliver needed materials and devices. This decision will not impact extracurricular activities at this point. Staff and students attending this week will be required to wear a mask in school vehicles, in hallways during class change, and any other time where students from multiple classes intermingle. They can be removed in the classroom.

During the week of Thanksgiving, Timberlake will go full virtual for the two regularly scheduled school days that week. Students will be given their assignments and needed materials going into the weekend. We fully realize that each student and family is unique in its ability to function virtually due to academics as well as family structure and work schedules. It is our hope that we can meet the needs of all of our students while giving us the best odds to reverse the trends that we are seeing in our area over the next two weeks. Please communicate with your school site as to your plans, as well as when challenges come up so that we can ensure that these two weeks are as productive as possible.