

January 22, 2021

Dear WCS Parents & Students:

At this time, the district plans to resume in-person learning on Monday, January 25th. We appreciate the cooperation and support from our families during our temporary period of remote learning and look forward to welcoming students back in the building next week!

For any student that intends to continue remote learning, please know that the next opportunity to rejoin in-person learning will be the start of the 4th quarter on April 12th.

Please remember that the decision to temporarily shift to remote learning was a result of an inability to fully staff our school due to a number of quarantines that were in place and not due to unsafe levels of COVID in our school or community. We remain in close communication with our local health department to monitor local COVID data points and continue to have the support of those officials to continue in-person learning at this time. **It is also important to know that all confirmed positive cases involving students or staff at WCS were from exposure that occurred outside of school and there has been no evidence of transmission from attendance at school.** This indicates that the safety precautions in place at WCS, including wearing masks and social distancing, continue to be effective in preventing transmission from person to person.

Despite all of the safety precautions currently in place, **the best way to ensure a healthy and safe school environment is for students and staff to stay home when they are sick.**

While all students have a temperature check completed by a school employee prior to them entering the building each day, it is important that all parents continue to conduct a health screening of their child before sending them to school or allowing them to board the bus. **Each day, parents should ensure that students:**

- do not have a temperature or any other COVID symptom,
- have not recently come into contact with anyone that has tested positive or is suspected as a positive COVID case, and
- have not recently travelled to an area with widespread community transmission of COVID.

Additionally, **no one with a pending COVID test should return to school until the results have been received** and they have confirmation that their test results are negative.

If you have any further questions, about any of these updates or any other school issues, please contact us by phone at (518) 963-4456 or email at district@willsborocsd.org. Thank you all for your continued cooperation and support as we work together through this unique school year!

Best Regards and Take Care,



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