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Superintendent's Message December 18, 2020

The Warren City School District will continue with full online/remote learning for all PK-12 students in January, effective Monday, January 4 through January 8, at minimum, due to elevated COVID-19 transmission numbers across the City of Warren and Trumbull County overall. Warren G. Harding High School students will continue to work under their gold schedule; PK-8 students will continue to follow the schedule as they have been working for the past several weeks. We will re-evaluate this decision based upon most current health information provided to us on/around Wednesday, January 6, 2021 to determine if we will return back to hybrid learning the following week.

While our goal is to always provide in-person learning, the elevated number of COVID-19 cases across the state, county and our city is affecting our schools' abilities to maintain consistent and stable in-person learning and effective operations. We will continue to work closely with the Trumbull County and Warren City Health Departments monitoring health conditions on a week by week basis to determine when we will be able to return to in-person instruction.

At the start of the school year parents were provided two options to express their interest in which type of learning they would like for their child, **hybrid or full remote**. As we prepare for the second semester we are giving parents an opportunity to request a change in the decision made at the start of the school year.

Learning Option One

Kindergarten through grade twelve students would experience a combination of in person traditional instruction two consecutive days per week and experience online or remote learning with their same teachers the other three days of the week. Students will attend either on Monday and Tuesday or on Thursday and Friday, with Wednesday being reserved for online learning, cleaning and sanitization of the school between learning groups and ongoing teacher professional development. Students are expected to complete assignments during the online/remote learning days.

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Learning Option Two

Families that prefer a full online/remote learning option will have the opportunity to request this as well, provided there are seats available. Under this scenario, students will complete all of their grade level work and assignments online for the entire second semester of school.

Families who would like to request a change in cohort, either from hybrid to full online/ remote learning or from full online/remote learning to hybrid, will need to take the following steps:

- Notify your child's school either **Monday, January 4 or Tuesday January 5, 2021**, by 4:00 pm of your interest in the Warren City Schools hybrid or online option by completing the online intent form on the district web page (Warrencityschools.org) listed under your child's school.
- A Principal or Building Administrator will set up a time to discuss this change request with you later in the week.
- Continue to work with your child's principal or designee to address any concerns that may occur throughout the learning process.
- This option is a commitment for the remainder of the school year. This option may be continued/discontinued provided current health conditions at that time.

All requests for a change in cohort learning must be made by January 5, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

Additionally, any changes in student schedules will be communicated an email address each family has submitted through Final Forms; and via information communicated directly by the classroom teacher via the Remind App.

Warren City School District's greatest priority remains the safety of our students, staff and community members.

Have a safe and healthy holiday!

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