

Superintendent's Message

April 7, 2020

Dear WCS Community:

The Warren City School District Staff, Administration and Board of Education would like to thank all of our families for a strong commitment and support of our children in the City of Warren during this challenging time. We have changed our daily operations as COVID 19 has progressed across our region and we will continue to make adjustments to keep the WCS Community safe and healthy both social emotionally and educationally. Your continued support of our efforts and understanding are appreciated.

Below are a few points of importance:

- On Friday, April 3, 2020, the Board of Education approved a change to the current school calendar whereas the dates identified for "Spring Break" has been adjusted. Specifically, Distance Learning Lessons and Alternative Educational Opportunities for students will continue Tuesday, April 14-Friday, April 17, 2020. **Student packets K-5 will be available on Tuesday, April 14th between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at your child's school.** In addition, **Teachers will be available during the scheduled "office hours" of noon – 3:00 pm and food service operations will continue at all school buildings and community sites.** In addition, the last day of student contact for this year will now be Friday, May 22, 2020. These decisions were made to support the current needs of our students in the Warren City Schools.
- On Friday, April 3, 2020, the Board of Education also suspended the current grading policy (5421), specifically for grading period number four to have students in grades K-5 receive a pass/fail rating for work completed and participation within the learning opportunities available. We believe this will create a more equitable learning experience for our students during this time. Additionally, though this policy suspension also applies to students in grades 6-12, we will be continuing the use of letter grades as is, however Mr. Capers will be recommending some minor adjustments to me at WGH, to include the elimination of final exams for his academic year. More information will be forthcoming on both the K-5 and 6-12 changes in the next two weeks once our plans are finalized.
- Parents of Students with Disabilities should be working with their child's teacher or related services staff member to receive work consistent with the individual education plan (IEP). If you have any issues or concerns with this, as always, please contact the Special Education Supervisor at your Child's school.
- Second Harvest Food Bank, The United Way of Trumbull County and many other building adopters have been working to have our Raider Pantries available to families in need. If you need food assistance, our school liaisons will be available to support your family.

Continue Social Distancing, stay safe, and stay healthy!