

August 11, 2020

Dear Wayne-Westland Families,

At the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting held on August 10, 2020, the board voted to begin the 2020-21 school year with distance learning for all Wayne-Westland students until at least October 23, 2020. Students will learn virtually with Wayne-Westland Community Schools teachers.

What will virtual learning look like in Wayne-Westland? For the past several weeks, our Return to Learn committee has been meeting to create the plan for the fall of 2020. The Virtual Learning Plan has been created to educate our students within the context of a public health crisis.

As part of the Return to Learn Plan, virtual learning will look very different than it did at the end of the last school year. Last March, we were responding to a crisis, without any notice, and our primary goal was to try to offer a sense of normalcy for students. Looking ahead to the upcoming school year, our students who will be learning at home will have a more structured virtual learning experience to include daily meetings with teachers as well as social-emotional check-ins, to keep students engaged and learning. In addition to virtual instruction, breakfast and lunch will be provided weekly for students.

Future communications that will be emailed to you and posted on our website will have information about:

- Virtual Learning school day schedules
- Breakfast and lunch services
- Learning material distribution information
- Classroom assignments and student class schedules
- Back to school packets and parent handbooks

With regard to fall athletics, we will adhere to mandates from the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for outdoor and indoor athletic programs; marching band will also follow the same mandates. MHSAA is expected to make an announcement on August 20 on what fall sports/activities will look like.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

There will be three community meetings on August 12 at different times to accommodate your schedule. We will answer some of the questions that have been submitted by the community during these meetings. Please use the Zoom links to join us.

- August 12 at 10:00 a.m. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89670677366>
- August 12 at 4:00 p.m. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82357545613>

- August 12 at 7:00 p.m. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89224874598>
- August 17 - Deadline for the District to submit the Return to Learn Plan to the state
- August 17 - Last day to register for Wayne-Westland Online Learning K-12 (Edgenuity program) which is a separate program from our Virtual Learning Plan. For more information and registration click - [Wayne-Westland Online Learning](#) or contact April Ostrander 734-419-2083 or [ostrandera@wwcsd.net](mailto:ostrandera@wwcsd.net)
- September 1 - First day of school for WWCS students

Our District [2020-21 calendar](#) and schedule will remain the same as if we were teaching and learning together in person.

In addition to these dates, please look for a survey that will be sent out later this week which will help us continue to gather additional information to best help us support our students and families.

Although the year ahead will look different in many ways, we are excited to welcome another new year and look forward to serving our families and the entire community. We are committed to fulfilling our mission of teaching each child and supporting them on their individual pathways while keeping our community safe. Please make sure you check your contact information on your child's profile in the [Parent Portal](#) so that we can reach out to you as needed to provide you with updates.

If you have any questions regarding our Virtual Learning Plan, please email [info@wwcsd.net](mailto:info@wwcsd.net). The District will put all updates on our [Return to Learn website](#) and [FAQ](#).

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these new and changing times together. Thank you for your continued commitment to Wayne-Westland CommUNITY and for serving as a partner in your child's education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dignan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

John Dignan  
Superintendent