



WHITNEY POINT

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Community,

Since my last correspondence on July 31, we have been working diligently to collect information, answer hundreds of questions, and revise our plan to meet safety and educational requirements. During this process, we continued to focus on doing what's right for our kids, and what's safe for all.

I want to be sure everyone is aware that the **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**. Teachers and staff will need a great deal of new training and preparation to meet the unique requirements of this school year. The Board of Education has approved a revision to the school calendar to move all four conference days to the beginning of the year to accommodate this need.

To ensure the safest environment for our students, staff, and families, we have been working closely with the Broome County Department of Health. Superintendents and other key personnel have been meeting multiple times a week with County Executive Jason Garner, the Director of Broome County Department of Health Rebecca Kauffman, and a team of health department experts. Each school district has been assigned a Department of Health liaison. Victoria Perkins is the WPCSD liaison and will facilitate addressing any questions or concerns we have related to COVID-19.

It is critical that families have contingency plans in place if we need to quarantine a class, school, or district. There are additional factors that may require us to move to fully remote learning at a moment's notice. Our current plans and procedures work to minimize exposure to COVID-19, but there is still a risk. We are also encouraging parents to transport their children whenever possible, to reduce their contact with other students. Although we asked for families to sign up for fully remote learning by August 12th, we are still accepting requests for all grade levels.

There continue to be many unknowns at this time, and the Reopening Plan will remain fluid and change as necessary based on student enrollment, guidance from state agencies and local health experts, as well as input from our students, staff, and families. Please continue to provide feedback on our website link.

On the next page, you will see the results of the work we have done over the last two weeks. Included are the current revisions to the Reopening Plan.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patricia A. Follette

Patricia A. Follette, Ed.D.

District Vision

To be a community of excellence achieved through a commitment to high performance, morale and involvement.

Revisions to the DRAFT Reopening Plan

Due to the current number of families that have committed to having their children engage in fully remote learning, we have revised our reopening plan to include in-person instruction for students in grades Prek-5 and all self-contained special education classes K-12. Per New York State Education Department guidance, these decisions were based on the needs of the student populations with priority given to the highest need students and early grades. We are still accepting requests for fully remote learning for all grade levels.

In-Person 5 Days a Week

- Grades Prek-5
- All self-contained special education classes K-12

Hybrid – A Combination of In-Person and Remote

- Grades 6-12
 - *Cohort A* Monday/Tuesday - *Cohort B* Thursday /Friday - *Wednesday* All students remote
 - Middle School (grades 6-8)
 - High School (grades 9-12)
 - Synchronous (live) and Asynchronous (recorded)
 - Attendance/engagement will be recorded for all days

Fully Remote

- All Grades
 - Prek-5 Online Academy- Designated Teachers aligned with classroom teaching
 - Middle and High School- Follow School Schedule with availability to access lessons at another time
 - Synchronous (live) and Asynchronous (recorded)
 - Attendance/engagement will be recorded for all days

To better align all middle school classes 6-8, all 6-8 students will be on the first bus run.

Transportation

- Students in grades 6-12 will start their day at about 7:20 and end at about 2:10
- Students in grades Prek-5 will begin their day at about 8:20 and end at about 3:10