

**WHITNEY POINT
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Dear Families, Students, Staff, and Community,

Over the last year and a half, we have worked together to keep all of those in the Whitney Point School District healthy and well. During this time, we had to make various changes to the way we educated students in order to comply with requirements for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in school. Tomorrow we start a new school year with students. While we had hoped that the pandemic would be behind us by the start of this school year, because this virus persists, we will need to continue to be thoughtful, flexible and creative in our practices.

The overarching goal for this school year is to provide high quality daily in person instruction and supports to all students while maintaining a safe and healthy environment. In order to achieve this goal, we will implement and adhere to the layered mitigation strategies that are recommended by the Center for Disease Control and required by the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.

Continued partnership between home and school will be essential as we strive to ensure that the our school environment healthy for all and to keep school as free of disruptions as possible.

Families will again be asked to

- Send children to school wearing a mask as outlined in the CDC guidelines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
Extra disposable masks will be available at school.
- Attest to the agreement to screen/monitor their child(ren)'s health and only send them to school when they are symptom free. This year this will be done **once a month** at the beginning of the month. <https://forms.gle/a79oLw852Q5qPSdg8>
- To stay in communication with the school nurse about any symptoms children may have.
- Adhere to COVID-19 mitigation procedures including the proper use of masks indoors.

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The 2021-2022 Back to School Plan, located on the WPCSD Return to School & COVID Updates page of our website, <https://www.wpcsd.org/WPCSDReopeningInformation.aspx>, includes information on the strategies the WPCSD will implement to address health and safety issues associated with COVID-19 for the 2021-2022 school year. This document will be updated as conditions evolve with the pandemic.

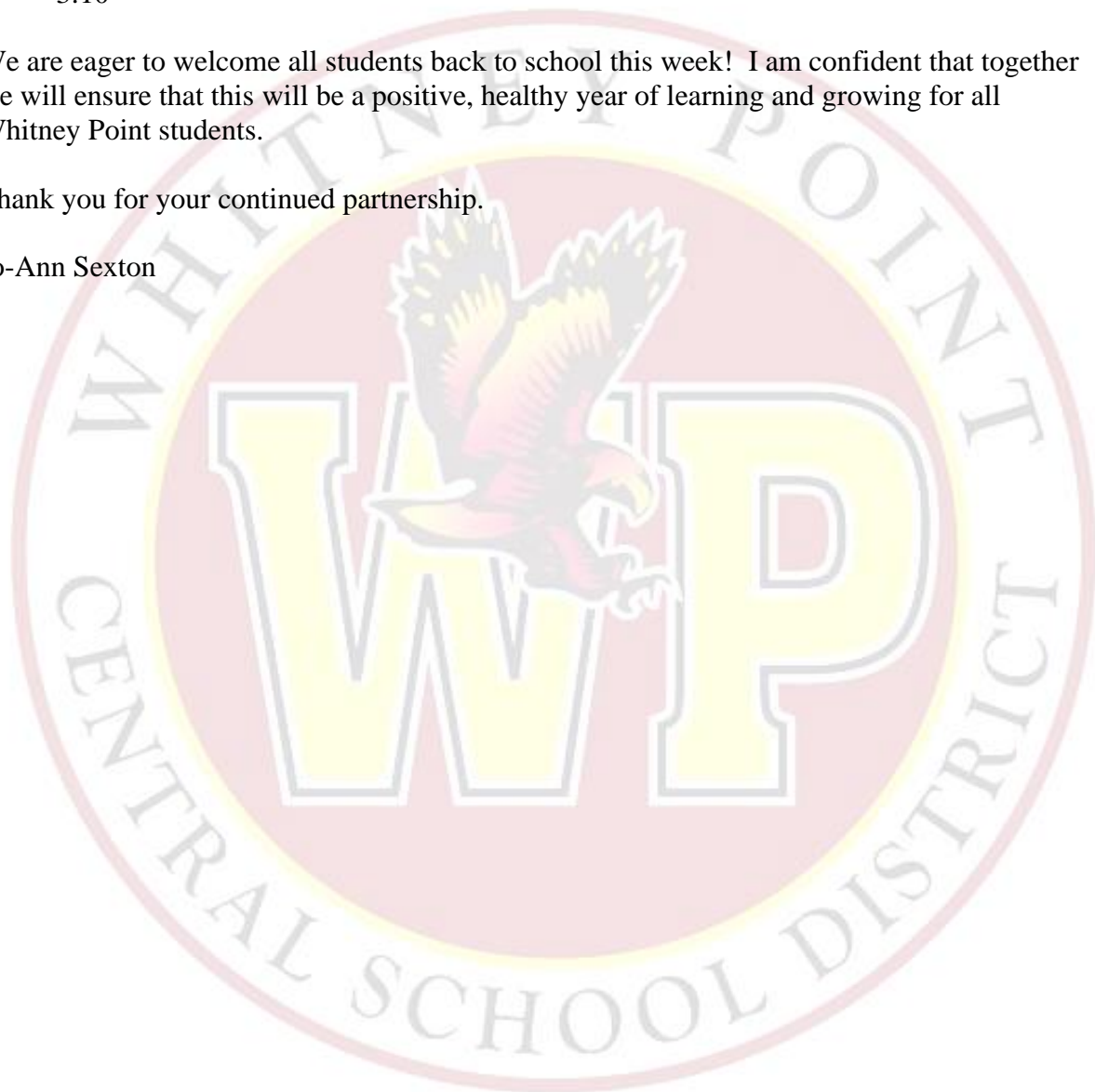
Please remember the school day for students will be as follows.

- Students in grades 4-12 will start their school day at 7:15 am and end at about 2:05 pm.
- Students in grades Prek-3 will begin their school day at about 8:30 and end at about 3:10

We are eager to welcome all students back to school this week! I am confident that together we will ensure that this will be a positive, healthy year of learning and growing for all Whitney Point students.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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