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March 5, 2021

Dear WCASD Parents,

Thank you to everyone who filled out our Return to School Commitment form. We have received responses for most of our students, and we are making plans for a return to five-day instruction, dependent on transmission rates of COVID-19 in Chester County. The Chester County Health Department's [updated guidance](#) states that schools may consider returning students to school with six feet of social distancing, but not less than three feet, when transmission rates are below 100 per 100,000 for three consecutive weeks.

As of March 5, those rates were at 92.7, which is the second week in a row below the threshold. If the rates are below 100 as of March 12, we will begin the transition process to return **all students who have chosen the option of daily in-person instruction** on the dates listed below. Originally we had discussed returning on March 15 (the earliest return date possible after three consecutive weeks below 100), however, as we work numerous logistics, including bus schedules and teacher vaccination schedules, we are shifting the return process to begin March 22, as approved by our School Board.

Students who have chosen remote or cyber instruction will remain remote/cyber.

We are asking *all parents* to please note the following schedule changes, beginning March 19:

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| Friday, March 19 | Half day (AM) for ALL elementary students (including cyber and remote) so that teachers can use the afternoon to prepare classrooms and procedures for students; Please refer to communication from principals for dismissal times.

Full Day for all secondary students |
| Monday, March 22 | All elementary students begin in-person instruction (no A/B hybrid). Remote and Cyber students attend virtually.

Secondary students remain in Hybrid schedule with Cohort A attending |
| Tuesday, March 23 | All elementary students attend in-person (no A/B hybrid). Remote and Cyber students attend virtually.

Secondary students remain in Hybrid schedule with Cohort A attending |
| Wednesday, March 24 | All K - 12 students in remote learning day. Five day per week special needs students attend in person. |
| Thursday, March 25 | All elementary students attend in-person (no A/B hybrid). Remote/Cyber students attend virtually. |

Secondary students remain in Hybrid schedule with Cohort B attending in person.

Friday, March 26

Half day (AM) for secondary students (Cohort B, four- and five-day students, cyber and Cohort A remote students) – Teachers will use the afternoon to prepare classrooms and procedures for students

Elementary students attend full day. Remote/cyber students attend virtually.

Monday, March 29

All Secondary students begin in-person instruction (No A/B hybrid). Remote students attend virtually.

All Elementary students attend full day. Remote/Cyber students attend virtually.

Tuesday, March 30

All Secondary students attend in-person (No A/B hybrid). Remote/Cyber students attend virtually.

Elementary students attend full day. Remote/Cyber students attend virtually.

Wednesday, March 31

ALL K-12 students, including five day per week special needs students are in remote learning; ***Final Virtual Wednesday of the year.***

April 1 to April 5

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 6

ALL K-12 students attend school in-person, five days per week. Remote/Cyber students attend virtually.

[View the K-5 calendar](#) for the remainder of the year.

[View the 6-8 calendar](#) for the remainder of the year.

[View the 9-12 calendar](#) for the remainder of the year.

For a list of Frequently Asked questions regarding our return to school plan, please visit [here](#).

As we open our schools to full five-day instruction, we are also in the process of vaccinating our staff. Some classes may be altered due to vaccine schedules taking place beginning on March 10. A second phase of vaccinations may take place in early April. We will notify parents if any classrooms are impacted due to a teacher needing to be excused for a vaccination appointment.

Thanks for everyone's patience as we work to safely return more students back to our schools for in-person instruction.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent