



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educating and inspiring students to achieve their personal best

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Dear West Chester Area School District,

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I know you've received a lot of emails and information over the last two weeks, and I thank you for reading one more note. This is not the way any of us hoped to open our 2020-21 school year. We understand there's anxiety, disappointment, stress, and frustration. But, we are going to make every effort to make this the best possible school year. Our staff cares very deeply for our students, and we are very empathetic to the concerns of all for whom this virtual start is especially challenging.

As we enter this first week of school, we are grateful for your patience, grace, and support. We anticipate there will be some bumps in the road, and ask that you not judge the entire school year based on these first few days. The beginning of school is always a little chaotic as we work through new routines. This year there are so many more challenges. We are committed to overcoming them. Our teachers and administrators have been working extremely hard to ensure they are ready to connect with and teach our students.

[Please consider bookmarking this link](#), as it's a great one-stop technology trouble shooting page.

Our goal remains to return students to in-person instruction as soon as possible, and we will be communicating much more about this in the coming weeks. We'll continue to consult with local and state health officials as we work towards this.

Our internal staff theme for the school year is "Patience and Positivity," as we know these are qualities that will help us succeed during this turbulent time. Thank you for your continued efforts in helping us make this the best school year possible. Our community and our schools are strong and vibrant, and we will get through this.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent

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