

# WesternWayne *Schools*



Western Wayne Schools Community,

It is with great excitement and pride to be serving in the role of Superintendent here at Western Wayne Schools. As I concluded my first week in this new role, I have been so incredibly impressed with the faculty and staff throughout the district. Equally as impressive, is our student's eagerness to learn and get back into a normal routine. Unfortunately, over the course of the last 2-3 weeks, we have seen an exponential increase in COVID-related cases which has caused our district to pivot on our original plans leading into the school year. In light of this, I have been in awe of our children's resiliency to adapt to new challenges and take them in full stride. This speaks volumes about the students that walk the halls here at WWS. Furthermore, I greatly appreciate all of our parents and guardians for trusting us to educate and provide a safe environment through these difficult times.

As we navigate these uncharted waters, grace and patience will be needed from all as every decision we make here at WWS is in the best interest of our children. That will never change. With that being said, Our faculty and staff will do everything in their power to keep you up to speed on any changes that might occur at a moment's notice while also providing an ear to listen if you have any questions or concerns. Ultimately, we want everyone to be in the "know" and that is certainly what we will strive to do.

## **At-Home Learning**

We have several Golden Eagle Learners who are opting into this option as their learning environment changed last week. Unfortunately, we know it is likely that others may have to stay home due to experiencing symptoms, having a positive diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19. Though this was not an original option as we entered into the school year, we did want to maintain a system that would minimize disruptions to learning as students transition between school and home. If you have any questions or would like to have this option for your child, please feel free to contact your child's building level principal for further details.

## **2-Hour Delay**

The weather is still nice right now, but before we know it we will be waking up to conditions that may be unsafe for an on-time start to school. Please make sure that your child's school has your most updated contact information so that you receive prompt notifications from our automated system. **If we have to delay our school-day start, our 2-hour start time will be 10:00, not 10:30.**

## **New Student Registration**

Families who are new to our area with school-aged children or families who live outside of the Western Wayne Schools boundaries, but want to attend Western Wayne Elementary or Lincoln Middle/High School should [CLICK HERE](#) to register at Western Wayne Schools. You can also email [emiller@wwayne.k12.in.us](mailto:emiller@wwayne.k12.in.us) for students in grades K-5 and [rlakes@wwayne.k12.in.us](mailto:rlakes@wwayne.k12.in.us) for students in grades 6-12.

## **Questions, Comments, or Praises?**

Though we are a very tight-knit community and communicate very regularly, we ALWAYS want to hear your feedback. Within this [LINK](#) is a parent survey with an open comment section. Feel free to use this anytime. This will help us address any issues or concerns you may have. We love positive posts too, so please let us know what we can do to serve you better.

## **Taking pride in our district**

As I mentioned earlier, the pride within our community is unparalleled and that is from a newcomer's perspective (myself). I see it and feel it everywhere. Unfortunately, with the world of social media, many times the image of a school, business, or person can be damaged by negative comments that might not be factual. Here at WWS, we want to work closely with our community and its stakeholders to ensure our district is reflected in a positive light. If you have any questions or issues, please contact our district to address this prior to posting on Facebook. We are ALWAYS here to listen and provide guidance on any issue. We take great pride in this.

If there is anything I can do, please let me know. My email address is [astover@wwayne.k12.in.us](mailto:astover@wwayne.k12.in.us) and my phone number is 765-478-5375.

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