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Dear Wyandotte families,

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, the Wyandotte Public Schools Board of Education approved a plan to begin the 2020-21 school year with a remote start for the month of September for students. Our hope is to implement the safety protocols for Phase 4 of Michigan’s Roadmap, and be able to welcome back students in a face-to-face setting when it is safe to do so.

Parents of general education students will have the option to elect a full semester/trimester virtual learning option that will continue from the start of the school year, or may opt for the September remote start that will eventually transition to the face-to-face scenario. Parents who would like to have the virtual learning option have until midnight on August 12, 2020 to register using the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScae0v1sJVPgfz0TfDIqATzdWnJWI27NuMbB1IHpZikWjCNsQ/viewform> **Nothing needs to be done if families choose the face-to-face/remote option.**

Details of the Wyandotte Public School Preparedness Plan include:

- During the month of September, a robust Learning Management System (Seesaw of Google Classroom) will be used to provide a smooth transition to remote/face to face learning. Parent feedback stated it was difficult to keep up with emails and zoom links in the spring. These systems will provide parents with one place to go to keep track of assignments, zoom links, emails to teachers, etc.
- New content will be taught and attendance will be taken starting September 1, 2020. Unlike the spring, assignments will count towards grades.
- Although details are still being finalized, with remote/face to face learning, students will be expected to login during normal school hours. However, students will not be “on a screen” the entire time. There will be time for students to work independently or in virtual small groups. They may also be working remotely 1-on-1 with a teacher. In this option, students will remain with their assigned teacher(s) in the remote/face-to-face classroom.
- Elementary students in the remote/face-to-face program will have their normally scheduled specials (music, PE, art, tech).
- For hands on classes/labs, teachers are exploring ways to provide small group face-to-face instruction during the month of September.
- For students with IEP’s/504/ELL students, similar small group face-to-face instruction is also being explored.

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- In the 100 % virtual learning option (WVA), there is flexibility for when the work is completed (e.g., evenings and weekends). This is a purely virtual experience and no face-to-face contact with staff members or other students is planned.
- Schools will be sending out information next week on when Chromebooks and packets can be picked up for both remote/face-to-face and the virtual learning option.

We will continue to monitor guidance from the local health, state and federal agencies as the start of the school year begins. We will also monitor incident rates, positivity rates, what Phase we are in as well as experiences other districts are having. We will inform you of any changes to our Plan, in the event it needs to be amended.

The last five months have been more difficult than ever before. Families have made great sacrifices and we are asking all of you to support your children, yet again. Ultimately, the health and well being of our students are our top priority, yet it is a huge challenge that we do not take lightly. Thank you for your continued partnership. It is greatly appreciated and in the weeks to come, I can only hope things will be back to “as normal” as possible.

Sincerely,