

# William Penn School District

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Dear William Penn Faculty and Staff:

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I welcome you again to the 2020-2021 school year – a school year that certainly will be unique as we open our virtual doors to students on September 14<sup>th</sup>. I know the entire WPSD team is ready to serve our students. As we shift to more online instruction, I want to thank you in advance for all you are doing and your participation in the professional development activities to better engage and educate our students during these challenging times.

You've done a great job so far. In the results of the parent survey we conducted this summer, 72% of our families indicated being "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with communication with their child's teacher during the school shutdown. In addition, 65% indicated their child maintained a connection with their teacher. As you know, students are more open to what you have to share if they know and trust you. Our hope is the first few weeks of school will give you time to reconnect with our students and families, and with each other.

Thank you to everyone who worked this summer on the WPSD Pandemic Committee to help us prepare for reopening of schools. We were able to complete our Health and Safety Plan and consider a variety of learning options as we prepared to open our doors to students and staff in the safest possible way. It took many hours of planning and preparation as the recommendations and data from healthcare professionals and agencies changed throughout the summer.

Please encourage our families to visit the district website ([WilliamPennSD.org](http://WilliamPennSD.org)) often to stay informed about new developments and to access important information. We have created a Family Resource Center page on the website with useful information that our families can access.

Let your families know students will be able to pick up grab-and-go meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Pick up time will be 7:30-9:30 a.m. at a school that is closest to their home. School menus can be found on our Family Resource Center page.

As you face the next opportunity of providing more live, online instruction, know that we have great confidence in your ability to do so. You've got this! Remember also the advice we often give to our students when they feel anxious: Take a deep breath. Examine the problem. Take one step at a time. Ask for help if you need it. Check and show your work. Believe in yourself.

I'm looking forward to a successful year ahead. Take care, remain safe, please wear your mask and practice social distancing.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent