

William Penn School District

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GREEN AVENUE ANNEX
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Dear WPSD Families, Faculty, and Staff:

This week, the Administration of the William Penn School District, in preparation for an outside audit, began conducting an investigation into allegations of criminal misconduct of a District employee. As a result of this preliminary internal investigation, the district determined that it could not confirm that all employees have the appropriate clearances. However, Mr. Hill did have current clearances.

The three clearances required to work with children in Pennsylvania are Child Abuse History, PA State Police Background Check, and Federal Criminal History Record. The clearances are required upon initial employment, however, employees must reapply for them every five years. As of 2015, employees are required to update their clearances.

Starting Monday, February 1st, the William Penn School District will operate virtually for one week while examination of personnel files is taking place. Families can still pick up meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 11:00am and 1:00pm. Students who opted to come to school for in-person learning will begin the week of February 8th.

We greatly apologize for the inconvenience this change may have on our families and staff. We cannot permit employees who are out of compliance to work in District schools, but we are pleased we will still be able to serve students virtually.

Principals will inform employees who are out of compliance by the end of the day, Monday, February 1st. Administration will request the William Penn Education Association and the William Penn Educational Support Personnel Association to direct their members to confirm that they have current clearances. All clearances should be sent by email to clearances@wpsd.k12.pa.us before Friday, February 5, 2021.

As a matter of safety as well as compliance, it is important to us that employees have the proper documentation required by the state to work with children. Families depend on the school district to make sure employees are properly trained and deemed safe to direct and work with children.

Sincerely,



Eric J. Becoats, Ed.D.
Superintendent