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## Widening Advancements for Youth

### Words from the Director - James Middleditch

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Hello Parents and Students!

I am excited for the start of the 2021-22 school year. The staff has been working hard to get everything ready for this fall. Starting September 7<sup>th</sup> our Virtual Cohort Learning courses will begin. Students will meet with teachers twice a week in each of the core subjects (English, Math, Science and Social Studies). Each Cohort will have up to 15 students assigned. Fall Count is Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Each student will need to submit at least 1 submission in each of their 6 assigned courses to be counted. We will be sending more information as we get closer to Count Day.

If you are interested in being a part of our school improvement team or the school improvement process, please let us know. We will have our first meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we will be enrolling students for the fall until September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any friends or family interested please have them reach out to us at 313-638-2716 or email us at [enroll@wayprogram.net](mailto:enroll@wayprogram.net).

I look forward to working with you and having an amazing year!



## College & Career Corner

This year we are going to get the ball rolling early for after high school planning. We will have our first Virtual College tour in October and we will start working on Xello (formally Career Cruising) in October as well. The college tour will be open for all grade levels, you are never too young to start planning for your future. Xello is also for all students, but it is a requirement per the State of Michigan. Myself along, with our excellent team of mentors, and team leaders will help work with your students to get through the steps of completing Xello. Stay tuned for updates on all events.

- Jackee Patterson



## WAY Parents

Hello, Parents/Guardians!  
Classes have started, so please log in to the Parent Portal and make sure that you and your student have their Virtual Cohort Learning class schedule written down. If you or your student has any technical issues getting into a class, please contact the mentor and team leader immediately, preferably with a detailed explanation and picture or screenshot of the issue. I will be sending out an email soon for the September parent meeting dates and links. I will also resend the information from the August parent meetings. Please let me know if you have any questions -

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## WAY Students

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! You may notice some changes to your Centric (previously known as HERO) homepage, such as new logos and your virtual learning cohort schedule placement. This year's virtual learning cohort classes began Tuesday, September 7. Your schedule can be found by clicking on 'HOME' in the upper right hand corner of your Centric screen. It is expected you attend and participate in each class. When you are absent from class, you should be emailing the teacher about your absence, cc your mentor on that email, and ask what project steps were completed in your absence.

1 on 1 tutoring is available and you can schedule as many sessions each week as you need in a variety of subjects. Please contact your mentor, Joy, or Stacy with the subject and project you would like help with as well as the day/time that works best for you and we will do our best to get you scheduled

- Stacy Long

