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Dear Washington Township Families:

We hope this letter finds you well. This message is to update the community on our online registration progress, especially as it relates to families seeking to register their children for kindergarten in the 2020-21 school year. The Washington Township Public Schools has been preparing to unveil a new, online registration platform for much of January and February. The process includes the work of administrators, information technology specialists, PowerSchool specialists, secretaries, as well as outside agencies.

The shutdown of the District due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the development of parameters for remote learning, however, has unfortunately delayed the ability of putting online registration into effect. All hands have been needed on deck to make sure our remote learning technology and processes could best benefit our students in the face of this never-before-seen situation.

We now are refocused on the online registration process, with hopes of launching at the beginning of May. However, the pandemic has forced us to re-develop some of our initial procedures, since we may not have the ability to serve families "in-District" for an indefinite period of time. We want to be sure that when we launch the platform, it can best serve the residents of Washington Township.

Families planning to register their students for kindergarten in 2020-21 should gather important documents such as birth certificates, immunization records, physicals and dental exams, at least three (3) proofs of residency, and custody paperwork or other relevant court documents (if applicable). Having these documents prepared will expedite the process for you.

In addition, we have received questions regarding the lottery process for our tuition-based preschool program. We will be accepting applications for Pre-K 3-year-olds – children who turn 3 years old on or before October 1, 2020 – by utilizing the same online process, which will be used to collect information of interested parties. At the time of the drawing, each family will randomly be assigned a number that will be entered into the lottery. The lottery will once again take place virtually in real-time on Facebook Live. More specific information will be available once the online registration process is complete.

We appreciate your understanding and patience, and we will continue to update the community as we get closer to our launch. Be well.

Warmest regards,

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