



September 21, 2020

Dear WTPS Staff and Families,

I am sending this letter as a follow-up to my letter of yesterday regarding the delayed opening of the in-person schedule at Washington Township High School. It has become apparent to me that some additional clarification on the matter needs to be sent to all of you.

The high school has not been delayed solely because a community kickoff function was held for our seniors. The reality is that, with recent information regarding positive cases in our community, the district had to do its due diligence to make sure that folks who attended the functions were not unknowingly exposed. The delay was to give our nurses and administration the time they would need to complete that investigation.

No person or no group of people should be vilified for attempting to conduct a positive event on behalf of our kids. Everyone is struggling with how to cope in the midst of this pandemic, and I understand that we are all just trying to support one another.

Currently, the investigation is still ongoing, and I hope to have information to share as early as tomorrow about a return to the in-person schedule and athletics at the high school.

I thank you for your patience and your feedback. I appreciate those of you willing to take my calls and have a conversation.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Bollendorf
Superintendent