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Dear WTPS Staff and Families,

It is hard to believe that it is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and that we have been in this new normal for 72 days. I certainly hope that this letter finds you all well.

I wanted to take the time to update you all on end of the year needs and timelines.

The last day of school will be Thursday, June 18, 2020. To allow students sufficient time to complete schoolwork, projects, and/or assessments, the last day for new instruction will be Thursday, June 11, 2020. For our graduating seniors, the last day of new instruction will be Tuesday, June 9, 2020. This will allow senior grades to be finalized in time for senior awards and graduation on June 18<sup>th</sup>. All of these timelines align with our traditional schedule and will allow all of our students' ample time to complete their work. Teachers will make themselves available to assist students in this process.

Currently, the district is finalizing plans that will reunite students with any personal belongings they had left behind in the buildings. You will be receiving communication from the schools on that plan and schedule. At present, students will not be directly involved in this process. Belongings in desks or lockers will be collected and bagged by our staff. When that process is completed, parents will receive a communication on when and how they may come to the schools to retrieve those belongings.

Information on laptops will also be forthcoming. There will be a plan in place for seniors to be able to return their laptops some time after June 18<sup>th</sup>. A plan to return borrowed laptops at the elementary level will also be forthcoming. All other students will keep the laptop they have. Grade levels poised for new laptops will be able to exchange their old laptop for a new laptop at a future date to be determined.

There are still many unanswered questions regarding next school year. Currently, the Department of Education has created a task force to look at the question of how to reopen our schools. Our county is well represented on this task force. Additionally, I sit on two other state level committees that are actively involved in this process as well. We will continue to communicate and collaborate with our stakeholders here in Washington Township to help ensure the plan that is developed is safe and effective.

I want to thank you all for your constant support and patience as we continue to move forward together through this pandemic. And as always, stay safe and healthy, Township. I hope you get to enjoy this holiday weekend while remembering our heroes in military service, especially those who gave their lives defending our freedom.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Bollendorf, Superintendent