Washington Township Public Schools



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Dear Washington Township Families,

Our school district is in the process of completing the vital safety measures and acquiring the required personal protective equipment needed to follow-through on our stated plan to reopen our schools to full-time, in-person instruction beginning on April 26, 2021. As we approach that date, I want to thank our staff, students, and community for their patience, understanding, and commitment to our plan. We remain on target to reach our goal.

We also are approaching our annual Spring Break, which runs from April 2-11, 2021. I hope you are able to use this time to relax and recharge for the final portion of the 2020-21 school year. I know that Spring Break is traditionally a time when TWP families travel to see family or take vacations. While we have answered our community's wishes to return our students to the classroom five days per week, we now ask that our families remain vigilant and follow recommended safety measures during our time off. This includes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommended safety guidelines, including wearing a mask, frequent handwashing, social distancing, etc.

If you do travel over Spring Break, we respectfully request that you self-quarantine your family per <u>CDC guidelines</u>. Upon our return to school on April 12th, we stress that if your children are showing any signs or symptoms of illness, it is imperative that you keep them at home. In both of these cases, your child(ren) can avail themselves of our remote instruction, protecting our staff and students while not accruing any absences. It is critical that we continue to work collectively to help ensure our schools' safety and avoid any further closures.

Please see the link, <u>Self-Quarantine for Travelers Frequently Asked Questions</u>, for further information. If you are traveling abroad, please see these <u>Travel Advisories</u> from the U.S. Department of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Again, I am sincerely grateful of the efforts everyone has made to keep instruction progressing to where we can bring our students back full-time. I am deeply appreciative of your support and cooperation during this final homestretch.

Kind regards,

Joseph N. Bollendorf Superintendent