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Whitehall-Coplay Parents/Guardians,

March 31, 2021

This message is to provide you with information regarding revisions to the current 2020-21 school year. The changes are as follows.

**The current Professional Development Day scheduled for May 10 will now become an instructional day for students. Students should report to school on May 10th.**

**Students will report to school for ½ days on June 10th, 11th, and 14th.**

**June 14th will be the students' last school day.**

As you are aware, all of our buildings are operating on a 4-day full return for those students who select this option. All of our buildings have a reduced number of students attending due to the option for students to select online learning. We are accommodating students to allow for social distancing of 6ft to the maximum extent possible in accordance with guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Please refer to PDEs [FAQs](#) page for further information. The majority of our classrooms can accommodate classroom distancing from 4-6ft. All eating spaces in all buildings remain at 6ft distancing to comply with the Governor's latest mask order.

Parents requesting a change in instructional model for their students should contact their child/children's building principal.

As we continue to experience COVID-19 positive cases in our buildings, it is important to note that we are **strictly adhering** to the recommendations for schools following the identification of COVID-19 cases as it relates to school closure.

In an effort to ensure transparency, we report all positive COVID-19 cases on the district's website on the COVID-19 Dashboard tab. However, as per PA Department of Education, not all cases reported will count in a building's rolling 14-day average for school closure recommendations. [Updated Recommendations on Handling COVID-19 Cases in Schools](#)

**"A case count for a school building would include any individual (students or staff) who was physically present in the school setting while infectious."** A number of the reported cases on the COVID-19 Dashboard **do not** meet this criteria. Each case is individually analyzed by administration and our school health personnel. Additionally, the PA Department Of Health provides guidance and confirmation.

The Whitehall-Coplay School District, an equal opportunity employer, will not discriminate in employment, educational programs or activities, based on race, sex, handicap or because a person is a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam Era. This policy of non-discrimination extends to all other legally protected classifications. Publication of this policy in this document is in accordance with State and Federal laws including Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. We further affirm that all curriculum offerings and student enrollment practices will be handled without discrimination based on sex, race, religion, national origin, or non-job related handicaps or disabilities.

We will continue to closely monitor our building case counts and move buildings to remote instruction when necessary based on the PA Department of Education's guidance to complete cleaning protocols and prevent further spread in the school setting.

**Please visit the included link for more information about our [District's Health and Safety Plan](#)**

We will continue to review and analyze any new guidance that is released from the CDC, PDE, and the PADOH to continually improve our mitigation strategies as new information becomes available.

In closing, please continue to complete the [self screening](#) prior to sending your student to the bus stop or school and continue to responsibly report positive COVID-19 test results to your student's nurse's office to enable us to contact trace as effectively and efficiently as possible. Continue to be vigilant in adhering to mitigation strategies to further enable our community to decrease the spread of COVID-19.

I wish you all a relaxing Spring Break,

Dr. Lorie Hackett

WCSD Superintendent