



**WHITEHALL-COPLAY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Dear Whitehall-Coplay School District Families,

I hope that you are doing well and you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather. The District Administration would like to provide you with some reminders regarding the end of the school year and some information about our current planning for the 2021/2022 school year.

The 2020/2021 school year is rapidly coming to a close. The following are a few date reminders:

- Monday, May 31, 2021 - Schools are closed in observance of Memorial Day. There is no in-person or virtual instruction.
- Senior Events - Detailed information can be found at <https://www.whitehallcoplay.org/domain/3411>
  - June 1, 2021 - Athletic Awards - 7:00 p.m. in the Football Stadium
  - June 3, 2021 - Senior Awards - 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium
  - June 4, 2021 - WHS Senior Event - 6:00 p.m. at SteelStacks
  - June 7, 2021 - Graduation - 7:00 p.m. at the PPL Center
- Monday, June 14, 2021 - Last Day of School for Students

Moving forward, the administration is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive Pandemic Recovery Plan. The plan includes targeted efforts focused on summer learning, the instructional model for the 2021/2022 school year, ongoing academic support for students, mental health and social emotional support for students and staff, professional development for all staff, and facilities upgrades/updates. The Pandemic Recovery Plan will be a long-term plan that aims to provide proper programming and support to all students based on each of their needs.

The District is planning for full-time, in-person, five days a week instruction along with online options for the 2021/2022 school year. This planning process considers the 2,460 total responses to the survey that the District collected in April. In that survey, 88% of all WCSD families indicated that they intend to participate in a traditional schedule for the 2021/2022 school year. Furthermore, 93% of Gockley families, 86% of Steckel families, 90% of Zephyr families, 88% of WCMS families, and 87% of WHS families responded that they intend to participate in a traditional instructional model.

During the week of June 14, 2021, the District will send a communication to families that will inform the community of our updated health and safety protocols for the summer of 2021 including mitigation strategies during summer programs, athletics, activities, transportation, and visitors/facilities use. Additionally, this communication will provide more details about the Pandemic Recovery Plan and the process that families will need to go through to select their instructional model for the 2021/2022 school year. Mitigation strategies and mandates are constantly evolving and the communication in June will be based on the best information available at that time.

Please look for further communication during the week of June 14, 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your building administration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Steckel, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools