



September 4, 2020

Hello WSD Families,

We hope you've enjoyed your summer break. We can't wait to see everyone again next week – either virtually or in person! Please find this week's updates below.

District Letter Regarding Diversity + Safety

Please read an important letter from the Wauwatosa School District regarding diversity and safety [here](#).

Canvas - Learning Management System

This year, students and staff will be using Canvas, our new Learning Management System, to streamline the learning process by providing a central location for accessing material online and developing content. Please find important information about Canvas [here](#).

Use of Zoom and Streaming Technology

Please read the District's procedures regarding the use of Zoom and other streaming technology in the classroom [here](#).

Student Attendance: A Letter from the Student Services Department

As we plan for a year that is like no other, our focus will still be to ensure that the Wauwatosa School District is a place where every school welcomes and supports all children, staff and families. One critical aspect towards ensuring a great learning experience for all of our students is reinforcing the importance of school attendance. Please find important information regarding attendance policies for the 2020-21 school year [here](#).

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School is a national program that aims to make it safer for students to walk and bike to school. Safe Routes to School has created interactive maps where you can view the best route to walk to your school from your home. View [these interactive maps](#) for your school to determine safe, walkable routes.

Chromebook Issuance

There are a few families that have not yet picked up Chromebooks for their students. If you have not picked up a Chromebook for your student, please follow the instructions below. Please note that in all cases, Chromebook pickup will only be available on school days and during business hours.

Phase Into Learning

Chromebooks will be available at your student's school when they come into the building for synchronous learning days on the week of Sept 8. Your school will communicate with your student about the appropriate time to receive their Chromebook when they come to school. It is important to understand that this will only occur when your child comes to school. Do NOT send your student, or come yourself, in to pick up their Chromebook on their asynchronous learning days (when they are scheduled to stay home).

Tosa Connected

You will need to pick up a Chromebook from your school during the week of Sept 8. You must call your school to arrange a suitable time for pickup. Please understand that your schools are extremely busy getting ready for the new year. Getting the rest of these Chromebooks into the hands of students is an additional burden they are taking on. In order to best serve you it is important that we not waste your time. Please help us help you. Call ahead to your school to check with them when a good time to pick up your device, during the week of Sept 8, would be.

We strongly recommend subscribing to the District's accidental insurance policy if you are taking a Chromebook home for your student.

New Technology Helpdesk

The District is now using a new Helpdesk system that will allow us to serve staff, students, and families more effectively. The new technology support request form can be found [here](#). A link for the request form has been placed on the District [website](#) under "Quick Links" and will appear on the front page of all school websites. A video on how to navigate the form and submit a ticket can be found [here](#).

Please note that this is an extremely busy time for the Technology Services Department. You may experience a longer wait time and your patience is appreciated.

COVID-19 Letter to Families

This school year in particular, we understand the importance of clear communication and transparency. For this reason, we will be providing families with information about positive COVID-19 cases in their schools - even if the case was from a student in a different cohort group. You can find a sample letter [here](#).

Food Service Update - Waiver Approved

This week, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved an extension of a waiver that allows us to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in the Wauwatosa School District through December 31, 2020. This means that **all students enrolled in the District - either via Phase Into Learning, Tosa Connected or Wauwatosa Virtual Academy - will have the opportunity to get breakfast and lunch for free, regardless of eligibility.** For more information, click [here](#).

Wauwatosa Library Letter

Please see [this letter](#) for changes made to the services offered by the Wauwatosa Public Library. Specifically, please note that families who have depended on the library as a location for students to spend time after school, before going home or waiting for a ride will need to make other arrangements for the 2020-21 school year.

Elmbrook Open

The 6th Annual Elmbrook Open is scheduled for 9 am on September 28, 2020 at Ironwood Golf Course. Proceeds of the event benefit the LAUNCH program! For sponsorship opportunities, to make a donation or register as a golfer, please click [here](#).

We hope you have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

-Wauwatosa School District