



July 31, 2020

Hello WSD Families,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather and taking some time for yourself over the summer months. Please find this week's updates below.

2020-21 School Year: Reopening Framework

On Monday, the School Board approved our Reopening Framework for 2020-21. This framework provides families with options for meeting their own unique needs and the needs of their student(s). You can find the presentation deck [here](#) and a video of the meeting [here](#). With the approval of this framework, families will have the opportunity to enroll their student(s) in a virtual learning environment or in the District's Phase Into Learning model, which allows for flexible, fluid models of instruction that are dependent on the COVID-19 environment and encourage a safe transition back to face-to-face learning. Details about these options can be found [here](#).

In August, families will be asked to complete a form to indicate their chosen learning environment for each of their student(s). That form will be sent in the coming weeks. In the meantime, families, staff and students are encouraged to submit questions using the **Contact form** on our [Reopening page](#). We will use those questions to update the **FAQ page** as decisions are finalized.

2020-21 School Year: Tosa Connected for High School Students

The District has engaged two well-known, recently-retired District employees, Mark Carter and Dean Nemoir, to lead Tosa Connected and its continued development. We are optimistic about our ability to provide synchronous online learning for high school students and are exploring several ways to make this work. We are evaluating potential course offerings and exploring ways to provide classes outside of the traditional school day. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Hybrid Learning Cohort Groups

At 5 pm on Friday, August 14, 2020, the Infinite Campus student and parent portals will be opened for access. At that time, families and students can view cohort assignments for their household, relative to the Reopening Framework. Information about the concept of hybrid learning/cohort groups and their use in our Reopening Framework can be found at <https://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/reopen>.

Administrator Transitions

To accommodate our quickly-changing landscape and best prepare for the 2020-21 school year, three Administrator shifts will go into effect on Monday, August 3, 2020.

Nicole Marble will take on the role of Director of Secondary Instruction. This will be a permanent position. On an interim basis, **Nicole Mitchell** will transition out of her role as Assistant Principal at Whitman Middle School and will serve as Principal at Madison Elementary. Stepping in as interim Assistant Principal at Whitman Middle School will be **Michael Brock**, who has previously served as an Equity Coach for the District. Again, the shifts for both Nicole and Michael will be in effect for the 2020-21 school year only at this time. Later this year, we intend to conduct a full hiring and interview process to secure permanent talent for these positions.

Mask Up!

Yesterday, Gov. Tony Evers declared a Public Health Emergency and issued an Emergency Order mandating the wearing of face coverings when someone is indoors, except when they are in a private residence. Masks are not required while eating, drinking or swimming. Individuals with health conditions or disabilities that would preclude the wearing of a face covering safely are exempt from the requirement. If your child is having trouble wearing a mask, you're not alone. We've developed a [helpful guide](#) for getting your child to mask up!

Technology Support Kiosk

On Thursday, August 6, 2020, our Chromebook Technology Support Kiosks will close for the remainder of summer break. If your student's Chromebook is in need of repair, please submit a support request into the [Technology Helpdesk](#) immediately. If a repair or replacement is deemed necessary, you must bring the device to a kiosk during operating hours as follows:

- Monday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm - Longfellow Middle School
- Thursday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm - West High School

Chromebook Assignments for the 20/21 School Year

Prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year, the District will issue Chromebooks to students who do not already have one and will exchange Chromebooks for those students that require it. Most students who currently have a Chromebook will keep the same device for the upcoming school year. Additional information and details will be communicated in a future update.

Thank you and stay well,

-Wauwatosa School District