



October 9, 2020

Dear WSD Families,

We hope you all continue to remain safe and healthy during these challenging times. Please find this week's updates below.

Civil Unrest Supports

The recent civil unrest in our community has a real impact on all of us. Please know that we have services and supports available to our students and families who need to process their feelings. Dedicated Student Services staff in our buildings are available to help students. If your child would like to speak to someone at school about their feelings, concerns or fears, please let your building Principal know or encourage your student to reach out to a trusted adult. **It is critical that our students - regardless of their mode of instruction - feel safe so they are able to effectively and actively participate in their learning.**

As a reminder, the Wauwatosa School District is proud to offer the [Student and Family Assistance Program \(SFAP\)](#) through Aurora Healthcare **at no charge** to all Wauwatosa School District students and families residing in the same household. For more information please review this document: [Coping with Civil Disruption and Social Unrest.](#)

Schedule Update

As the District works to balance instructional time between cohorts, we will be slightly modifying the learning schedule for Phase Into Learning and Tosa Connected students during the weeks of October 26 and November 23, 2020 as follows:

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2020

Monday, October 26 - no change

Cohort A - synchronous
Cohort B - asynchronous

Tuesday, October 27 - no change

Cohort A - synchronous
Cohort B - asynchronous
Overnight deep cleaning will be conducted

Wednesday, October 28

Cohort A - asynchronous
Cohort B synchronous

Thursday, October 29

Cohort A - asynchronous
Cohort B synchronous

Friday, October 30

No classes for all students



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020

Monday, November 23 - no change

Cohort A - synchronous

Cohort B - asynchronous

*Overnight deep cleaning will be conducted.

Tuesday, November 24

Cohort A - asynchronous

Cohort B - synchronous

Wednesday, November 25 - no change

No classes for all students; Thanksgiving break begins

This modified schedule will bring balance to synchronous learning for both cohorts and, if we begin five-day-per-week classroom instruction following the Thanksgiving break, will provide an opportunity to review safety protocols and expectations prior to merging the cohorts. We will continue to identify necessary shifts each month as we move through the school year and various instructional models. Right at School will continue to provide options for families in need of care. That information will be communicated directly to families via Right at School.

Weekend District Property Usage

District fields and buildings will be open tomorrow, Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 9am - 6pm for recreation and planned activities. Contact the Recreation Department, coach or your school's athletic director with questions.

Sock Drive

Have you noticed a chill in the air? So have our homeless and needy families in the area. Did you know every night in the United States an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets? Wauwatosa West HOSA: *Future Health Professionals* wants to do something about this with the smallest act of love, like donating socks to a local organization. The group will be collecting new socks of any size starting Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 23. Socks can be dropped off at the attendance window at Tosa West or with Ms. Thompson at room 145.

Substitute Update

In a concentrated effort to combat the substitute teacher shortage, we have signed a one-year contract with a substitute agency, [EDUStaff](#), to backfill our current substitute pool. Wauwatosa has recruited, hired and will maintain our 129 active substitutes this year. We will now also be working with EDUStaff to backfill openings; EDUStaff currently contracts with 115 additional substitutes that are able to take assignments and supplement our current pool. We are currently developing a transitional plan with EDUStaff and they will be taking over recruitment and hiring efforts to broaden our pool of substitutes moving forward. EDUStaff will increase our outreach and network of substitutes while honoring our current rate of pay and bonus structures. With the goal of maintaining our loyal substitutes, in addition to supplementing via EDUStaff, we will increase our substitute network and maximize our fill rates to respond to the current substitute shortage.



LAUNCH

Students and families are invited to learn more about our LAUNCH program on Wednesday, October 21 at one of three available Zoom sessions. Please see this [flyer](#) for details.

Wisconsin School Board Week

Today marks the conclusion of Wisconsin School Board Week, so we want to take a moment to recognize our dedicated Board [members](#) and thank them for their perspectives, support and encouragement - particularly during these challenging times. Our School Board is the backbone of our strong educational community and we couldn't do it without them! The Wauwatosa School Board consists of seven community members who are elected at-large by Wauwatosa voters. Members serve on a voluntary basis with no financial compensation. Please join us in recognizing:

- Dr. Eric Jessup-Anger, President
- Leigh Anne Fraley, Vice President
- Michael Philips, Treasurer
- Steve Doman, Clerk
- Michael E. Meier, Board Member
- Sharon Muehlfeld, Board Member
- Shown Rolland, Board Member

Thank you for all you do to support our staff, students, family and members of our community!

We hope all of our families have a relaxing, safe weekend.

Thank you,
-Wauwatosa School District