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Dear Wildcat Families,

Western Wayne was happy to physically reopen schools in September by offering three different learning paths to our families. Some chose to return to school in person while others selected the Google Live or cyber option. As a reminder, families can change their child's learning path for the second marking period. If you would like to change your child's learning path for the second marking period and have not completed the survey, please contact your building administrator.

As we continue to monitor local health data, the district may need to shift to a hybrid or fully virtual model. While there is not a specific date for a shift to occur, and we plan to remain in our current educational model until recommended otherwise, we will move forward with preparations should the district need to change models quickly. If a hybrid model is necessary, a virtual schedule may be implemented for one or two weeks to adjust to new operations.

What does the hybrid model mean? Well, it means that approximately half of the students will attend school in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays and attend remotely on Wednesdays and Thursdays; the remaining half will attend school in-person on Wednesdays and Thursdays and attend remotely on Mondays and Tuesdays. Students will attend school in-person every other Friday.

- The district will mail a letter designating each household to either an A or B schedule.
- Some of our Special Education students and English Learners will remain in school daily. The school district will notify these families directly.
- Early Intervention students will continue to receive services. The Early Intervention office will notify these families directly.
- Families who choose the cyber or Google Live options will stay in those learning paths if the district moves to a hybrid schedule.

The safety of our school community remains our top priority. To that end, our health and safety plan will guide many of our practices and procedures. We also know that the hybrid model does not fit the needs of every family or student. Therefore, families may still choose to have students attend school in the 100% virtual model. No matter what model you choose for your student(s), our teachers and staff are working to engage students in active and meaningful learning experiences.

Thank you for continued support and please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A La Rosa

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