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Dear Western Wayne Community,

We are several weeks into the new school year and have had a very successful start! However, we still face many challenges regarding COVID-19 and trying to keep students in classrooms. Our staff has done a tremendous job making sure we are providing a safe school environment. We also want to thank our families for their flexibility and understanding through these difficult times.

As we continue to experience high transmission rates throughout our county and cases in our buildings, we want to make sure we are staying vigilant and implementing multiple mitigation strategies throughout the district. It is highly important to screen your children daily to identify any potential symptoms of COVID-19 or sickness in general. It is also very important to keep your child home if they are experiencing any symptoms or if they are a deemed a close contact. Please contact your child's school nurse, family physician, local health care provider, or the PA Department of Health should you have any questions or concerns. The DOH can be reached at 1-877-724-3258.

Additionally, similar to several months last school year, the School Board meeting for October 6th will return to a virtual online setting. Information will be posted on our website <u>https://ww3.westernwayne.org/</u> with instructions for members of the public who would like to view the meeting or comment publicly. Requests to participate should be made in advance of the meeting so that individuals wishing to speak will be provided with the necessary link to join. If you are interested in speaking, please email <u>PUBLICCOMMENT@WESTERNWAYNE.ORG</u> and provide your name, address, group affiliation if applicable, and topic of concern. As usual, there will be a section of the meeting designated to public comment.

Again, we ask that everyone takes the proper precautions as we navigate through this pandemic. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our schools healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Matthew Barrett, Ed. D. Superintendent

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