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Dear Western Wayne Families,

We made it through the first Marking Period and navigated a new way of learning with great success. Our students, parents, teachers, administration, and all of our staff have done a tremendous job adapting to education in the pandemic. I can't begin to express how proud and thankful I am that we have been able to accomplish so much over the past several months. Western Wayne truly is a wonderful district!

While there have been many achievements, we have also identified some areas of concern and challenges that need to be addressed. In order to provide our students with the most effective and supportive educational environment, it is critical that our staff has adequate time to prepare for the multiple modes of in-person and virtual instruction being provided simultaneously. Therefore, the District has implemented several days of early dismissals with asynchronous learning for students in the afternoons. These days have been approved by the Department of Education and meet the mandated instructional time requirements. As we move forward, we plan to add additional early dismissal/asynchronous learning days to accommodate the need to properly plan for teaching our students in both formats. The next 12:00 PM early dismissal/asynchronous days will be **December 4<sup>th</sup>** and **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will continue to monitor the situation and notify families in advance if more days are deemed appropriate.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their dedication and support during these difficult times. We greatly appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we continue to navigate through our new educational environment. Please contact us with any questions and please stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Matthew Barrett, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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