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Dear Wildcat Community,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and finding some time to relax. We eagerly await the start of the new school year and look forward to having our students and staff back in our buildings. Much has been done over the summer months to prepare for another successful school year. We faced many challenges in the past nineteen months, and anticipate more to come; however, we have persevered and will continue to stay strong, be flexible, and get through all of it together! We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate the future and hope to make this year better than ever.

Through much hard work and collaboration with Wayne Memorial Health Centers, local health officials, and surrounding school districts, we have developed a Health and Safety plan to guide us through the 21-22 school year. The plan outlines safety protocol and procedures that we will implement throughout the District. It is designed to be flexible and may be modified depending on the circumstances we may face at any given point. Our goal is to keep students in classrooms. Please check our website to review the Health and Safety Plan.

One important change to this school year is that students will no longer have the option of a daily Google Live classroom. Google Live will only be utilized if we need to close a classroom or building for a period of time due to COVID cases. Therefore, all students will return to in-person learning at their respective buildings. Should a family choose a virtual setting for their children, they must enroll in our asynchronous Virtual Academy. Please contact your building principal if you would like more information on the Virtual Academy setting.

Finally, while we anticipate returning to school as "normal" as possible, we understand that there may be times when we need to adjust our plan. We will maintain frequent communication and provide any updates as soon as possible. We sincerely ask for your continued flexibility and understanding throughout the school year. Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable rest of summer.

We cannot wait for the kids to come back!

Sincerely,

Matthew Barrett, Ed. D.

Superintendent

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