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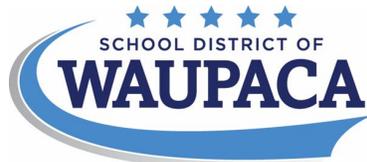
Dear School District of Waupaca Families and Staff,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! for everything that you have done and continue to do to support each other during this “history in the making time.” As noted by several individuals at last night’s School Board meeting, our community’s response to the changes that have been thrust upon us have been nothing short of amazing - the organization, support, and flexibility on display throughout Waupaca truly demonstrate what our community is made of. TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS - WE GOT THIS!

Now that we are a couple of days into our Continuation of Learning Plan, we wanted to send a brief memo to our families, reminding us all of a few critical pieces of the plan and also sharing new information.

General Reminders & Clarifications:

- To assist with the flow of communication, **we ask that families read entire messages**. Please also know that anything in blue font is a link to another document.
- **Communication is key** throughout this unique time in our history - Parents, please remember to stay in contact with your child’s teacher(s), even a quick email saying that you are receiving information helps us know that we are successfully communicating with families.
- In addition to **sending messages** through our Infinite Campus (IC) messenger (which sends out emails, text messages, and phone calls - according to the preferences families set up in their IC accounts), we also post each message on our School District of Waupaca Facebook and webpage:
(<https://www.waupaca.k12.wi.us/family-resources/covid-19-coronavirus-communication.cfm>).
- **Here is a link to the Continuation of Learning Plan** memo sent out last week Thursday. This “checkbox memo” provides the learning expectations for students, families, and staff. **This “checkbox memo” was designed to be printed by families and revisited by all from time to time to ensure that we are familiar with the expectations and supports as outlined in the memo.**
- **Patience** - we know that everyone (students, parents, teachers, administrators, food service, etc) is doing their best. We also know that despite everyone’s best efforts there will be bumps in the road (ie - lessons may take longer than anticipated, feedback might be slower than ideal, communication might miss someone, etc.). Throughout this “new normal”, we all need to believe that each other’s intentions are for the best and demonstrate this belief through our patience and acceptance that we have ALL been thrust into our “new normal”. We are ALL doing our BEST!
- **Each school building’s Main Office staff** and Principals continue to be available to answer your questions. The best way to reach Principals is through their email: Chain/CEC - Mrs. Hare (rhare@waupacaschools.org), WLC - Mr. Erspamer (jerspamer@waupacaschools.org), WMS - Mrs. Colbert (lcolbert@waupacaschools.org), WHS - Mr. Werbowsky (mwerbowsky@waupacaschools.org).



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Updates/Questions & Answers:

- Today's [Safer at Home order](#) from Governor Evers extends the minimal amount of time that students will not be allowed into school buildings from April 6, to April 24. Knowing that we only provided work for students in grades K-2 through April 6 means that we will communicate to families next week our plans on collecting and distributing new work.
- Please take the orders from our Governor seriously regarding staying home and social distancing. It is through these behaviors that we stop the spread of the virus.
- If your student is ill and can not complete their assigned work for the day, parents/guardians do not need to call in their absence. Rather we ask that you or your child communicates with their teacher(s) via email, letting the teacher(s) know. Reminder - student attendance is currently being tracked by assignment completion and contacts.
- Will we still have off April 10th and 13th? Yes, because of our Continuation of Learning Plan, we will continue to follow the published [2019-2020 school year calendar](#).
 - What about FORWARD and ACT Aspire testing? At this time, the state is working with the federal government to waive these assessments, meaning that it is highly likely that students will NOT have to take them this school year.
- The WI Department of Public Instruction is now accepting district waivers for the state mandated minimum number of hours of education requirement. While the School District of Waupaca will be applying for this waiver, the intent of our waiver is to cover us for the hours of education missed last week. We will continue with our Continuation of Learning Plan as long as need be, ensuring that our students are prepared for the 2020-2021 school year.
- THANK YOU for working within your family to create and maintain schedules for our students. Using a schedule to guide our daily activities is key in achieving the goals we set.

Families - please remember that we are and will continue to be here for you as you and your children take on some new educational roles within your home. Trust us, we know that education is not easy :). TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS - WE GOT THIS!