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WOLVERINES

April 24, 2020

Dear Wolverines,

With the closure of school buildings mandated by Governor Reynolds, the last quarter of the school year looks very different than normal. When this started West Bend-Mallard chose to go with the Voluntary Educational Enrichment Learning option that was given by the Department of Education. Our plan is to continue with this option through the end of the year. We know this option is not like being in school with your teachers, but we feel it is the best option for us given the situation. While the activities that the teachers are giving are not required, we strongly encourage completion of them to prevent the “summer slide” which will be much longer now. When we return to school in the fall, our staff will ensure that the students are educated from where they left off in the best possible, most logical way. Over the summer, we will be creating a Return to Learn plan for our students that we must give to the Department of Education for approval. Currently, we are looking at an earlier start date in August. This will have to be presented and approved by the school board at the May School Board Meeting. As more information becomes available regarding the fall start date, we will communicate that out to you.

While we look to next year, we know that you may have a lot of questions about wrapping up this year. Below is some information to address those questions:

Important Dates

- May 15th: Last day for Seniors
- May 22nd: Last day for Preschool-Juniors All late and make-up work must be turned in at this time to your teachers. Email your teachers with questions.
- May 21st & 22nd: Preschool-Seniors student check out from 8:00-3:00 in the Lobby area
 - Students/Parents may drop off computers, textbooks, library books or any other items that belong to the district. At this time, you may pick up your personal belongings from your classroom, lockers, locker rooms, any industrial tech projects, band instruments, etc.
- May 26th-29th: Report cards will be sent out
 - 4th quarter grades will be what you had in the grade book prior to March 15th. Second semester grades will be your 3rd quarter grades, any make-up or late work you completed, and 4th quarter grades through March 15th. Elementary students, you will not have any 4th quarter grades on your report card.

- May 29th: Last day for staff
- June 20th: Prom
- June 28th: Graduation at 2:30, Class night and Senior breakfast will be announced later

8th grade graduation

- We will not have an 8th grade graduation ceremony, but we will recognize our 8th graders in the newspaper. Their diplomas will be mailed to them at the end of May.

Summer School

- We will be offering summer school. More information will be coming to you with dates, times, and grade levels that we will be including in this program. We are waiting on some guidance from the Department of Education and the Governor on the reopening plan for the state before we schedule this.

Driver's Education

- We will be offering driver's education this summer. More information will be coming to you with dates and times for this program. Much like summer school, we are waiting on more guidance to come from the Department of Education and the Governor on the reopening plan for the state. If you have questions regarding driver's education, please email Mr. Peppmeier at ppeppmeier@west-bend.k12.ia.us.

Summer Sports and Activities

- The Iowa High School Athletic and Music Associations will decide on or before June 1st about any summer activities. Once we know something, we will make our announcement regarding our athletic events and activities.

This is not the end of the school year that we had hoped for. Please know that the staff misses you and looks forward to coming together in the fall. When we return, we will be ready to educate you academically, socially, and emotionally. Until then, take advantage of the opportunities that your teachers are providing you, ask questions, and learn something new! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns throughout the end of the year. Take care and stay healthy!

Sincerely,
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