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Dear West Bend-Mallard Families,

July 1st is upon us. Our Return to Learn Plan is submitted to the Iowa Department of Education and is available on our website under the Return to Learn tab. This plan addresses assurances that we have to provide to the Department of Education, the needs we have in our district, what learning models we plan to utilize throughout the year depending on the course of the COVID-19 virus, and how we plan to communicate all of our plans with you. Please feel free to review the plan and ask any questions you may have.

Our next step is to create our Reopening Plan. This is really the deep details of how we plan to come back to school in August. Currently, there are a lot more questions than answers. We are doing our best to stay updated on the newest information from the Iowa Department of Health, our county Public Health advisors, the Department of Education, and the CDC. This information is ever changing and varies from day to day and week to week. Therefore, this plan will be fluid. What we do one day does not mean that we will continue doing it next week. We will communicate the changes to you as best we can in a variety of ways. This plan will also be available on our website soon.

What we do know for sure is that we will be starting school on Monday, August 24, 2020. As of now, we plan to begin face to face in our classrooms. We miss our students and want to start the year off with some normalcy. The decisions we face of how to do this safely will not be easy and could cause uneasiness for you and your children. We know the decisions we make will cause some people joy and others unhappiness. It is important to remember to be supportive of your children, their teachers, and their return to school. This pandemic is something that no one has ever faced, and we are all doing the best we can in the situation. It is important to support one another to be able to come out positively on the other side of this adverse situation. We must continue to stay positive and model perseverance for our students! Stay healthy and continue to look for updates as we get closer to August 24th!

Sincerely,
Amanda Schmidt
Superintendent