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Dear WBM Families,

As you listen to the news and watch what is going on around us, it can cause questions about what we are doing at WBM in response to COVID and keeping everyone safe. As many schools are switching to hybrid learning or complete virtual learning, we are continually watching our WBM numbers and use many factors to make our decisions with. I have listed these factors below:

1. Any increase in our positive cases or exposure numbers within our district and communities.
2. Public health recommendations for our county and school district.
3. The two-week average of our county's positivity rate. It is recommended to begin looking at a change of instruction method around 15%.
4. The two-week average of our district's absenteeism rate. It is recommended to begin looking at a change of instruction method around a 10% absenteeism rate.

As of today, we are around a 20% county positivity rate which means we are continually looking at our district's numbers. Currently, our district numbers are at 6% student absenteeism rate and 5.5% student and staff combined absenteeism rate. We are currently comfortable with these numbers and feel we can stay in school safely face to face.

For us to continue to stay in school face to face I do ask of you a few things:

1. Please continue to remind your child the proper way to wear their face covering—over his/her nose and mouth.
2. Please continue to stay diligent about social distancing and not gathering in large groups as per the CDC and Public Health recommendations.
3. If your child is showing symptoms, please keep them home and monitor them.
4. Let the school know if you have any questions about anything. We are here to work through this together to keep everyone safe and healthy.

I know this has not been easy with all the changes, but I appreciate everyone's flexibility throughout this. Working together we can hopefully keep everyone in school face to face learning throughout this time of uncertainty. Please feel free to call with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Amanda Schmidt
WBM Superintendent