

# WISCASSET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Dear Wiscasset Families,

Thank you so much for taking the time to fill out the Semester 2, Return to School Survey that was sent out recently. Your input is greatly appreciated and has been very helpful as it gave us important information with our plan moving forward.

Based on the information you provided in these surveys, information from the Maine CDC, and the most recent Media Release from the Department of Education, the Wiscasset School Department will begin the process of returning more students to in-school learning. I have used the information from the surveys and have shared this with the classroom teachers. Because this requires much planning, we are preparing the buildings, classrooms, and transportation schedules for a staggered return to in-school learning, four days per week at both schools.

There have been some questions in regards to remote-learning. Specifically, if you are fully remote or hybrid, you will have the option of returning to two or four days a week. Fully remote students as well as hybrid students should be logging into their remote classes. We are trying to address the decreased in-person instructional time and need to have a focused plan to ensure our students are ready for the next school year.

All students have been, or will be assessed, and this information will be used to address any gaps in learning and will help guide our next steps. All students will be expected to participate. We will be looking at different options to ensure the assessments are completed in the allowed timeframe. We are open to providing opportunities for testing after school, or with the other students simultaneously from home.

During this next trimester for WES and semester at WMHS, if students are not logging into their remote classes, we will be looking into the possibility of retrieving their laptops and ipads and will be notifying the State of their non-attendance.

Our Technology Department has been available to answer any of your questions and to assist you with any computer issues. If you have any further technology issues or questions, please contact the Tech Team directly at [TechTeam@wiscassetschools.org](mailto:TechTeam@wiscassetschools.org).

I understand that this has been a very difficult time for you as parents trying to assist your child in their learning and also ensuring their safety as well. We understand each family's decision, but we are also responsible for the education of each individual student. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or at the number above and I will be happy to clarify any issues or concerns.

After the winter break, we will be better prepared to provide a schedule of dates that each grade will be returning. Your child's classroom teachers will be communicating this information with you as well. We will try to provide at least one full week of notice for this change in learning model.

Happy Holidays to you all.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Terry L. Wood  
Superintendent of Schools