WMHS Leadership Update Tuesday, January 12, 2021

WMHS continues to provide a safe and productive educational experience for our students as we enter into the new year. Here are our current statistics as of January 12, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.

WMHS Total Enrollment: 271

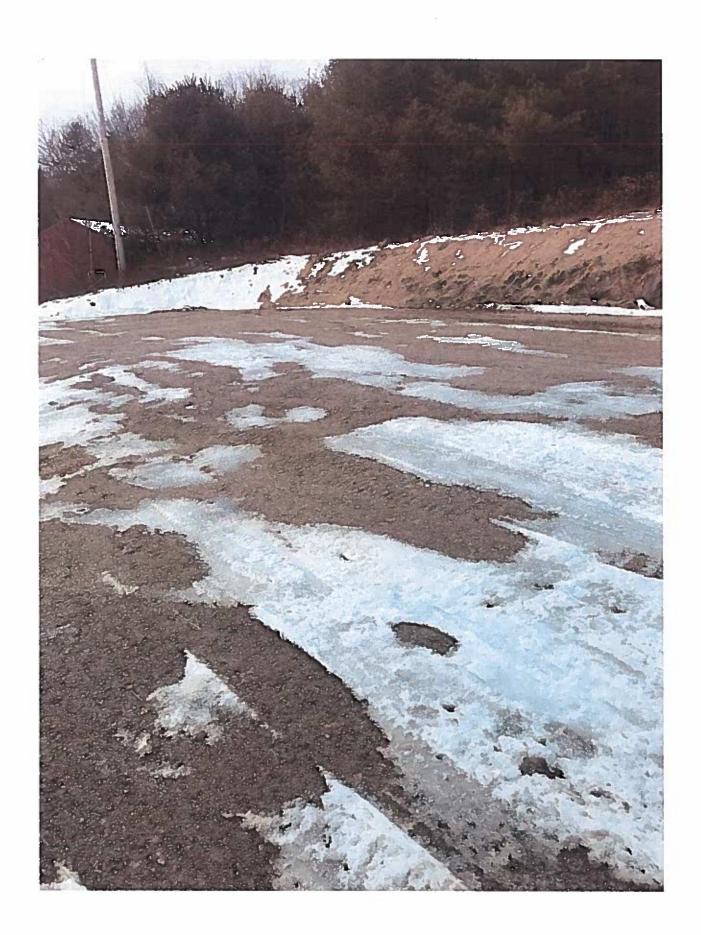
Total MS: 101 Total HS: 170

Total Fully Remote MS: 31
Total Fully Remote HS: 46
Total # of Hybrid Students: 190

Total # of Students invited to 4 Days starting January 4th: 6
Total # of Students attending 4 Days starting January 4th: 4
Total # of Students invited to 4 Days starting January 19th: 18

Our **Leadership Group/ Department Heads** are doing a tremendous job making very difficult decisions about regulating the flow of students back. We appreciated all of your teacher referrals and we came to the conclusion that slowly, methodically, and thoughtfully with our students' needs in mind is the best course of action to proceed. Safety is always first. Please see the WMHS update that went to parents regarding getting more students back to school.

With the health and safety of our students being our number one priority, Wiscasset Middle High School has embarked on two new construction projects with Covid Relief Funds that will enable us to allow more students into the school. Both of these projects are now underway.



Swim at WCC Cheering Club (WCC)

Calendar Update: Please note holiday week change. Thanks.

Monday, January, 18: Holiday- School Closed

Tuesday, January 19: Group A in Person Learning

Wednesday, January 20: Group A in Person Learning

Thursday, January 21: Group B in Person Learning

Friday, January 22: Group B in Person Learning

### WISCASSET SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

By Ken Spinney II, Special Education Director January 12, 2021 (DRAFT)

## **Kudos:**

- To all of our Wiscasset School Department Staff/Community for doing all we can to educate our students during some of the most challenging times in U.S. history.
- Our Special Education staff for adjusting schedules to coincide with student needs. This is no easy feat during normal times, let alone Covid-19. Special educators generally have to work around many teacher/specialist schedules, which at times can be complex.
- Andrea Main, Mindy Turner, and Lindsay Larrabee who have assisted a great deal with special education files.
- To Lisa Dinsmore for all of her assistance with bookkeeping and business management during some inconsistencies with our Special Education Secretary position.
- To Shelley (former business manager) for her assistance with training our Special Education Secretary on several facets of the budget and how to use ADS which is an accounting system.
- To Stacey Souza for 101 things that go on behind the scenes. If she can't find
  information, she knows where to go for it. She also has helped me with Amazon
  account and billing which makes life easier.

Statistics: (As of 1/4/21)

WES Total Enrollment (As of 1/4/21) - 170 WMHS Total Enrollment (As of 1/4/21 - 271 WES IEP's - 43 WMHS IEP's-84 WES 504 Plans-2 WMHS 504 plans -18

## Notes:

- Thanks to all involved who assist with two new hires in the Wiscasset School Department. We were able to acquire a highly talented Social Worker and SREP Special Education Teacher prior to holiday break.
- We have several new up to date standardized tests used for referral and three year review situations in our Special Education Department.
- Shelley has helped collate and prepare the Special Education Budget.
- Andrea Main has been doing a lot of work with making sure our special education electronic and hard copy records are up to date and neatly maintained. We have

moved special education records to each building for easier access and use. Several new stamps for each school have been purchased to assist with procedural guidelines and less risk of confusion (ex. IEP Records Available, Section #504 Records Available, Confidential, Date Received/Date Sent).

# FACILITIES and TRANSPORTATION LEADERSHIP UPDATE

## January 12, 2021

## Transportation:

- The Bus Garage remains staffed and closed to the public
- The driving roster is still 1 bus driver and 1 van driver short.
- Drivers will be getting scheduled for First-aid and CPR Training which is required every 2 years. I will be working with our local EMS staff to get this completed.
- Vehicle inventory has been updated
- The new 20 passenger school bus has arrived.
- Drivers working on route changes due to the transition to 4 days for all students

### Facilities:

- The modular at WMHS has been removed from the property. The groundwork has been completed and the lot expanded as far as we could go due to ledge in the banking.
- I have authorized replacement of the exhaust fan assemblies in both locker rooms at WMHS. The exhaust fan on the 1961 Middle School wing at WMHS has been replaced. Locker rooms still to be completed as the wrong fans were sent by the distributor.
- Cunningham Security was on site December 28th and 29th to work on the security camera installations. A few parts have been ordered so the project can be completed.
   Annual fire alarm system testing was completed during those same days.
- The renovations to the WES portable are complete. We have received a portion of the equipment for the heat pumps and will install once they are received.
- A rock was removed from a floor drain in the 51 wing at WES. Had to cut out a piece of the cement slab to expose the drain pipe, cut a section of pipe to remove the rock. It is suspected that a rock was dropped down a vent pipe from the roof of the school.
- Renovations have started in the locker room at WMHS
- The domestic hot water storage tank has been replaced in the WES boiler room. The tank that failed was 23-25 years old. A mixing valve is required for this system so that will be an added cost.
- I expect a visit from Schiavi on January 8th to check the possible site for the new modular classroom.
- Air Quality Management was in the district on thursday. We randomly selected rooms in both buildings and conducted air quality testing to see how we are doing environmentally.
- There is still a need to fill 2 open full time custodial positions for the evening shift, 1 at each building. No one is applying. We continue to add space in the buildings that need to be cleaned.