

Good morning Westampton Schools families,

Starting the week of Monday, May 10, we will be moving to 5 days per week of in-person learning for all students that are currently coming 4 days per week. Next week we will still be fully remote on Wednesday, May 5, but will have in-person instruction for Wednesdays for the remainder of the year after that. Dismissal times will not change.

Since September 2020, we have made every effort to bring back as many students to in-person learning as long as we could do it safely. Health and safety were always the first priorities and we have followed CDC and BCHD guidance very aggressively. We have gone full remote after 3 separate holidays, held off on “crashing cohorts” until April, etc. We started with a small group of students in September, then into cohorts for the general population, then started to offer 4 days per week to some students, and then four-days for all students. As we have learned how to bring more students back safely and have learned how to best instruct our fully remote students, we kept our eye on “what’s next”. This is the next logical step. Health and safety has been the yardstick all year and we can add Wednesdays to the in-person schedule with no added risk to health and safety.

I truly appreciate the support of the entire community throughout the process of these decisions. Each time we have felt it safe to reopen more, you have stepped up to adjust your schedules, endure lines to drop off your children, and continue to help us with the education of all students.

I also need to highlight the flexibility and determination of our educational professionals – our teachers, aides, custodians, secretaries, administrators, and everyone else that work in the schools. They continue to step up with every change and continue to look out for what is best for their students, even as they adjust for their own personal situations.

I certainly hope that you have seen, in every decision that has been made this year, that the care and concern for the health and safety of our staff, students, and community has come first. Within those parameters, teachers have been asked to provide the best instruction that they can. Under the most bizarre of circumstances, the entire educational community has come together to do the best it could for the children.

Everyone sees the “finish line” for this remarkable school year. But we have six weeks of school left and we want to “finish strong”! So we are asking you to reinforce that with your children and help us make the most of the last few weeks of school!

Thank you,

Anthony Petruzzelli
Superintendent