

# Willingboro Public Schools

"Where Excellence is the Expectation"

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## Dear J. Cresswell Stuart ECDC Family:

Happy New Year! I hope and pray that your family is well. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break. As we took time to rest and rejuvenate, we were all looking forward to returning on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to present many challenges. With the rise in Covid-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, a decision was made and approval was granted from The Burlington County Health Department to transition our scholars to Option 2 remote instruction. This necessary decision was made to ensure the safety of our scholars and everyone associated with the Willingboro Twp. Public School Family. Please know that we stand ready to support you and your child during this critical time. The enclosed information will help you to make the transition. I will continue to communicate with you throughout the entire transition time. Please be advised of the following:

<u>Timeframe for Virtual Learning</u>: The first day of remote instruction will be Tuesday, January 4, 2022. We anticipate that virtual learning will extend to Friday, January 7, 2022. In the event that this timeframe must be extended, I will communicate that information to you.

**Hours for Scholars:** Our scholars will begin their virtual day at 8:15 a.m., and will conclude at 1:30 p.m. Attendance is so important! Thank you for joining us as we enter into a collaborative partnership to ensure that our children have a great education at the ECDC. Please adhere to the following **Student Expectations for Virtual Learning:** 

- Please have your child prepared and ready to log on and learn by 8:15 a.m. Class begins promptly at 8:15 a.m.
- Please make sure your child has a learning environment that is quiet and free from distractions.
- Please make sure your child is present each day as attendance will be taken.
- Please make sure your child is in full uniform with a light blue golf shirt and khaki pants if possible.
- Please make sure your child participates and contributes to his/her online classes.
- Children should be prepared to learn synchronously (live instruction) and asynchronously (self-paced, recordings etc.)
- Students are required to show their presence on camera and mute their devices unless they are speaking.
- We are serious about each child's education. To that end, disruptive or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. We believe in our scholars, and we support the work that they will engage in as they prepare for college and career readiness. We truly believe that college begins in preschool.

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<u>Schedule For Learning:</u> Please be advised that our scholars will follow the Option 2 remote instruction schedule. A parent schedule is being developed and will be sent to you very soon. The schedule will include all links your child will need to participate in lessons. All lessons will be on Google Meet which is the preferred online platform for the Willingboro Public School District.

<u>Technological Devices:</u> All students will receive and be required to use a district technological device at home. Please adhere to the following dates for student Chromebook distribution for parents:

Parents/Guardians will have a chromebook distribution schedule (weather permitting). Distribution will take place at the Country Club Administration Building by appointment only. The schedule is as follows:

| Monday, January 3, 2022    | 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. (Watch the district website as the weather calls for snow.) |
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| Tuesday, January 4, 2022   | 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday, January 5, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  |
| Thursday, January 6, 2022  | 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  |
| Friday, January 7, 2022    | 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  |

**Student & School Supplies:** In the event that remote instruction is extended, we will make supply bags for our scholars for at home use. Our goal is to walk alongside of you and your child to ensure that your child's learning is not interrupted in any type of way.

<u>Attendance</u>: Attendance matters in school. If your child is absent from school, you will receive a telephone call from the school district. Students who are continuously absent from school will be referred to the District Supervisor of Guidance and or the Attendance Officers to investigate the matter. Please know that we will handle each case with a high ethic of care and respect. Our goal is to work with our children and their families as well as support them as much as possible.

<u>Daily Attendance Will Be Taken:</u> PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. Parents will indicate their child's absence using a Google Form. They will log in with their child's Google login information. Parents will be provided with the links each morning. Again, parents will record if their child is absent. At the end of each day, your attendance secretary must convert the information from the form (student absences) to Genesis.

<u>Homeroom Attendance Google Form:</u> (These forms will be updated by the end of the day and sent to parents each morning)

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**School Breakfast/Lunch:** Please adhere to the following regarding the district meal program:

- There will be two serving sites beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022. These sites will be Memorial Middle School and J. A. Cotton Intermediate School.
- Meal service times will be 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Parents can pick up breakfast and lunch from J.A. Cotten and Memorial Middle School.

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New CDC Quarantine Recommendations: The Centers for Disease Control issued new quarantine recommendations on December 27, 2021. The New Jersey Department of Health is working to provide guidance to K to 12 schools regarding these recent recommendations. Until further guidance is received, the district will continue to follow the following quarantine guidelines:

- Staff and Students who test positive must quarantine for 10 days.
- Staff and Students who are considered close contacts in schools must quarantine for 10 days unless fully vaccinated. If a fully vaccinated individual is experiencing symptoms, he/she must quarantine and/or be tested.
- Staff and Students who are considered close contacts in the home must quarantine for 20 days unless they are fully vaccinated. If a fully vaccinated individual is experiencing symptoms, he/she must quarantine and/or be tested.

<u>How Can I Contact Dr. Cora-Waters, School Principal:</u> Parents, please be mindful that you can contact me in the following ways:

- Email: <u>acwaters@wboe.net</u> (Best way to reach me)
- Cell Phone: 609-500-7875 (Please call in an emergency, and you must speak with me.)

<u>The PTA:</u> Parents, please consider joining the PTA. Our PTA meetings are interactive and informative. PTA meetings will continue to be virtual and reminders will be sent to the parents. Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

Thank you for all that you do to support our scholars and teachers. We appreciate your patience, resilience, and determination to ensure that our scholars continue to learn well. We are all in this together, and we will prevail. Together, we will RISE!

Sincerely,

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