



## WMHS Leadership Update


Tuesday, April 14, 2020

By Charles Lomonte

On Monday, March 23rd over 42 WMHS students received their **packet delivery** and many more received a food delivery from the district. This was a collaborative effort involving so many of our teachers, ed techs, drivers, and food service personnel. Special thanks to all including Mr. Merry and Ms. Johnson who continue to work tirelessly to provide for the needs of our students during this crisis.

**Grading** continues to be a major topic of discussion during this crisis. On Thursday, April 9th our Leadership Team met to discuss a fair and equitable approach to grading for quarters 3 and 4. A decision was made to move to a PASS / INCOMPLETE grading system for quarter 4. Attached is the notice home to parents outlining the change.

Our WMHS **food pantry** has proved to be a valuable resource for our families during this crisis. Special thanks to Ms. Paul, Ms. Cornish, Ms. Turner, and Mr. Funk for their hard work in maintaining our pantry. Our last delivery was taken to the elementary and helped all the students in the district. Thank you.




Preparations for the **2020-2021 school year** are already underway. Staff are beginning the recommendation process for classes and students will shortly be signing up for classes for next year electronically. Our WMHS schedule is being "tweaked" to help support students' movements toward our graduation requirements.

Special thanks to **Ms. Sheppard** who developed an excellent personal resource for our students mental, physical, and emotional wellness through this difficult time. Check out the "Adorable Pets" section of the site. Here is the link;  
<https://socialsupportforstudents.blogspot.com/>

Special thanks to Ms. Andersson and all staff that participated in the **3 little birds video** for our students. So many of our teachers have been creative and innovative thinking of students first throughout this crisis.

As time progresses more of our families are getting **internet access**. We will continue to work on this in case a longer term closure is necessary.

Special thanks to our **custodial crew** who continue to disinfect and clean our building when and where necessary.



**End of year events and activities:** At this point our high school graduation is still scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020. Preparations are already being made for a ceremony that will include student input as much as possible. More details to follow.

**Leadership Update**  
**Special Education Department**  
**By**  
**Ken Spinney II, Special Education Director**  
**April 14, 2020**

**KUDOS:**

- **Our Special Education Team has been doing a wonderful job of programming for students with IEP's. I am thankful for their care and professionalism they demonstrate each day. Our team reaches out and makes frequent connections with students and families.**
- **I am extremely proud of all those staff involved in feeding students in our school district. This takes a great deal of organization and teamwork. So many of our families rely upon the food we provide.**

**UPDATES:**

- **Each week, our Special Education Team is holding staff meetings to keep communications going and to clarify any questions anybody has.**
- **Each week, Chrissy and I are participating in Maine Department of Education Special Education Director Zoom meetings. These meetings have been pivotal for providing our staff with proper guidance to maintain state and federal special education guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **Earlier this week, we received a great deal of guidance from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on proper procedures regarding IEP meetings, special education evaluations, written notices, and a number of areas. This information is being discussed and passed on to case managers.**
- **I keep a close eye on daily guidance regarding special education. At this time, we do not have any information on compensatory education or potential funding available for this. We do plan on running an extended school year services program for students who demonstrate severe regression; however, this is subject to revision/changes based upon CDC guidance.**
- **Our Sheepscot Regional Program numbers appear to be around six students for the start of the 2020-2021 school-year; however, this is always subject to change. The SREP board did agree on allowing eighth graders**

participate in the program if accepted and this level of programming is necessary.

- Currently, we have two Ed. Tech III positions posted; however, we have been limited on applicants. We will not require these supports until school begins again in the school buildings.
- We plan on adding a MS program to work with our most behaviorally challenged students that will include a small student to teacher ratio.
- I am attaching a document outlining some of the guidance provided to us by the Department of Education and Drummond Woodsum.
- Currently, Wiscasset has one out of district placement requiring this level of restrictive programming.

Total Enrollment for Wiscasset Schools:

Total # of Students With IEP's:

Total # of Students with Section #504 plans:

## Leadership Update

April 13, 2020

### Transportation –

- Assisting with meal and student packet deliveries on Monday's and Wednesday's
- The bus garaged is not staffed at this time

### Facilities –

- Paving: I met with the Road Commissioner to get his perspective, and ideas on upgrading/improving our driveways/parking lots and sidewalks. I will be including work for the schools with his spring bid process and get separate estimates for the schools. **Contractor visit suspended due to Covid-19.**
- Roofing: I have a budget for the roofing replacement over the 1951 wing at WES. I will have at least one other contractor coming in to provide a proposal. **Contractor visits suspended due to Covid-19.**
- Piping associated with a roof drain in the Phys. Ed office at WMHS has rusted from the inside out, fortunately discovered by staff before too much water damage was done. A temporary repair is in place. A permanent repair will be included in the next budget. **Contractor visits suspended due to Covid-19.**
- **The server that runs the new Siemens heating program was infected by Ransom ware. The server has been removed and has been reprogrammed. I hope to have it will be back in service as soon as building clearance has been approved**
- Boiler inspections completed for 2020
- Elevator and chairlift inspections completed for 2020

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### **School Nutrition Update**

Good evening everyone,

We are in uncertain times right now, but school breakfast and lunches are still being made.

We are currently sending out meals twice a week, Monday's and Tuesdays.

The Monday delivery includes breakfast and lunch meals for Monday and Tuesday and the Wednesday delivery includes breakfast and lunch meals for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We are making between 275-300 breakfast meals and 275-300 lunches for each day.

My staff and many other staff members all make this possible.

We are working safely and are respectful of everyones space.

Dr. Wood and John are working on bus and van routes to reach all students that would like a delivery.

We will continue to provide meals for students as long as we possibly can. Thank you all for your continued support.

Thank you,  
Lorie Johnson  
School Nutrition Director