



REED CITY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every Student, Every Day... Commit, Succeed, and Lead

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Dear Coyote Family,

As the school year continues, it is my intention to keep staff, students, families, and community updated of any changes as they occur.

On Wednesday, 9/30/20, Reed City Area Public Schools is transitioning to early release days each Wednesday through December. In November, the practice of holding half-days on Wednesdays will be evaluated to determine if it will continue after the holiday break. Covid-19, with all of its implications, has changed how instruction is delivered both in-person and virtually. Additionally, reporting requirements regarding state funding have increased demands on teaching staff exponentially. In order for teachers to effectively deliver instruction for all students, and meet the pupil attendance requirements, additional time is needed. In an effort to provide teachers with adequate preparation and instruction time for all students, half-days will occur on:

9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16

I sincerely understand the difficulties that families may face when arranging for transportation and childcare when the school schedule is altered, and I take these decisions very seriously. Providing teachers with additional time simply had to happen. Wednesday afternoons were the best option to provide opportunities for staff to productively and efficiently complete the added responsibilities.

I continue to be impressed, and I am proud of each individual throughout the District and what has been accomplished as we look back at the first three weeks of school. We've opened the doors and students are back to learning in our buildings. In-person and virtual instruction is occurring again after six months, and it's wonderful to see. We still have work to do, and we will continue to strive for improvement in all areas.

Please note that transportation details for students in the afternoon C.T.E. programs will be addressed. More information will soon come.

I encourage you to please remember that we are all on the same team and in this together. RCAPS is committed to keeping the best interests of all students in mind during these challenging and changing times.

Wednesday Early Release Times by Building

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| G.T. Norman Elementary | 11:30 a.m. |
| Middle School | 11:45 a.m. |
| High School | 11:45 a.m. |

Sincerely,

Michael L. Sweet
Superintendent