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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a trying time this has been for all of us! I wanted to thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to figure out so many new things that we have never experienced before. Our number one priority is the health and safety of your children and our staff. We still have a few things that need to be addressed. I will keep you informed of any new information or changes that we are making as soon as I possibly can.

SCHEDULES: Monday, October 12 is a holiday. Group A students will attend on Tuesday and Wednesday and Group B will attend their normal schedule of Thursday and Friday.

DISMISSAL: Students taking the buses are being dismissed from WMHS at approximately 2:30 pm and the buses head to WES for bus pick-up at approximately 2:40 pm. Students at WES are dismissed at 2:35 pm to take the buses. The other students remain in their classrooms and are dismissed for pick-up after the buses leave at around 2:45 pm. This is helping to eliminate the congregation of students. Thank you again for your understanding with this format for dismissal.

REMOTE LEARNING: We are continuing to focus on providing a safe environment for all of our students. If we ever must move to the “red” zone, all students would be instructed remotely so we want to be fully prepared. We will keep you posted and updated if this occurs. Communication will be the key for us to successfully transition between color designations. If you do not receive any information from me, there is nothing for you to be concerned about. There may be cases in neighboring schools. Be assured, if there is absolutely any issue that would impact Wiscasset students, I will be very transparent and share information once I receive it based on the CDC guidelines and our Framework to Return to Classroom Instruction. As always, I will do what is best for our students. The Administrative Team is working on possible scenarios and the line of communication that would be used to disseminate the information to staff, families and the community. Your understanding is greatly appreciated as we continue to maneuver through uncharted territory.

ZOOMING: With students being expected to attend remote learning via ZOOM, there are protocols to follow. Many of the students have received the appropriate training on the expectations of ZOOM participants by Tricia Faulkingham, computer teacher. Students should be sitting at a table, desk or other area and should not be shutting off their cameras or be outside playing around as teachers cannot hear, focus or continue teaching their classes. There are a lot of disruptions and they are doing their best to keep your child engaged and focused. We would appreciate any support you can give your child during this time. I believe that it will continue to get easier for all involved!

EVACUATIONS: While the weather is nice, we have been conducting many fire drills and we will be conducting bus evacuations, lockdown drills as well as off-site evacuations at both schools. Your child/ren may be informing you that these things are happening or have happened. I just wanted to give you a heads up so you knew these were being planned.

If you have any questions or concerns that have not been addressed, please contact Stacey Souza at ssouza@wiscassetschools.org and she will place it on our Q & A document on the website under the red COVID tab.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We are doing our very best to educate them and keep them safe at the same time. Our priority is the safety, health and wellness of all students and staff. It is my sincere desire that each and every student participates and engages in the learning process successfully. Again, thank you for your continued support during this very complicated time. We are ALL in this together!

Yours in Education,
Dr. Terry L. Wood
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