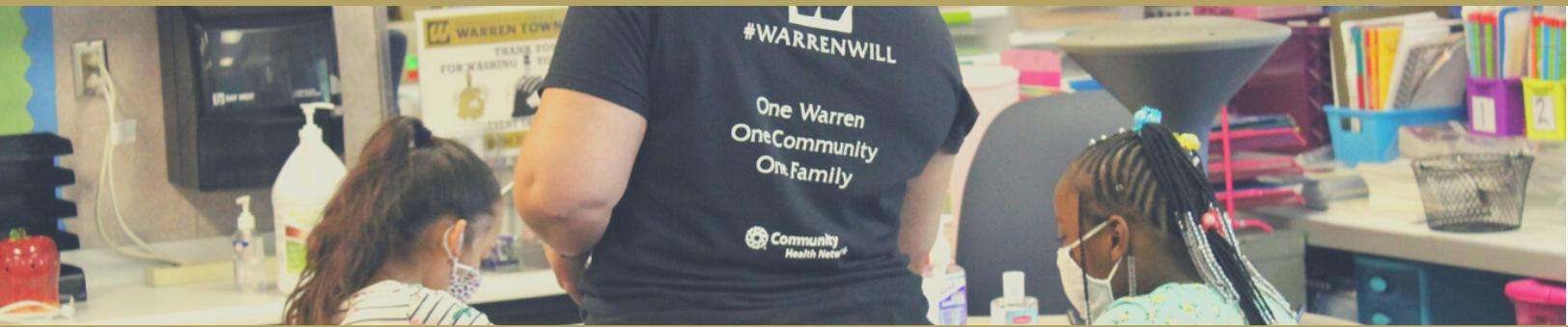




# THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WARREN TOWNSHIP

INVEST IN WARREN | OCT 21, 2020



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Warren Families and Community,

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the time away and were able to spend time outside in the beautiful Indiana fall weather. At least Mother Nature is cooperating with 2020!

At the beginning of this school year, our priority focus was opening our schools to better support our students' academic, social, and emotional needs. We spent a great deal of time creating safe environments for students and staff, and developing online structures to support those participating virtually. After the first 41 days of the school year, we reviewed our first quarter student data, particularly in Grades 6-12, to determine if we were meeting our students' needs. The attendance and academic data showed many students were not engaging at the level necessary for their success. This is very concerning for their short-term and long-term outlook, especially for our high school students earning credits toward graduation.

As you are aware, an adjustment was made to the Grades 6-12 IN-PERSON ALTERNATING DAY model and the Grades 7-12 VIRTUAL model. This adjustment, which began October 19, was made to create a consistent and easier-to-follow schedule for students, families, and staff. It also allowed us to better balance the number of days our students were in person on their BLACK and GOLD days. Finally, it improves teacher-student contact time by creating two consecutive days every two weeks of IN-PERSON for each group.

We intend to continue the IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL, and IN-PERSON ALTERNATING DAY models for the second semester. Due to the enormous amount of work that will go into second-semester scheduling, the Learning Option Change Request window for Grades 9-12 will begin on Friday, October 23, and close on Sunday, November 8. The Learning Option Change Request window for Grades K-8 will open on Friday, November 13, and close on Tuesday, November 24. These request windows will be the last time we offer our families a formal opportunity to change their learning model for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. This means that students will remain in their requested model from January to May. This will allow our students and teachers to build and sustain a meaningful relationship, which is critical for student well-being and learning.

I want to thank our Warren teachers and staff! I am continuously inspired and proud of the hard work and heart work they are giving to our students and schools. This year has been anything but normal. Our employees have risen to the challenge and continue to be resilient.

Thank you for your continued investment in Warren students and schools. Our kids need all of us!

Respectfully,

Dr. Timothy E. Hanson  
Superintendent

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# PARENT & CAREGIVER SURVEY

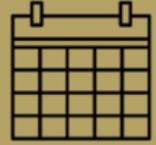
Now that we've completed the first quarter of the 2020-21 school year, it's time to reflect on what went well and how we can get better. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey today!

[TAKE SURVEY](#)



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 3 - eLearning Day for ALL students



[View Calendar](#)



## WANT TO CHANGE YOUR LEARNING OPTION? REQUEST WINDOWS TO OPEN SOON!

### Grades 9-12

Fri., Oct. 23 - Sun., Nov. 8

### Grades K-8

Fri., Nov. 13 - Tues., Nov. 24

Look for communication from your school with details on or before the first day of the request window. Questions? Please contact your child's school.

## HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FLU AND COVID-19

The flu and COVID-19 are different respiratory viruses that share some very similar symptoms which include:

- Fever (>100.0 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Chills/Body Aches
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Cough/Shortness of breath
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

With the flu, people usually feel the sickest during the first few days of the illness, and those infected with COVID-19 tend to feel worst during the second or even third week, and tend to be sicker for a longer period of time. Another difference is that the flu is less likely to cause the loss of smell and taste.

Both the flu and coronavirus spread by droplets from the mouth and nose, and can be spread to others even before the infected person knows that they are infected. Fortunately, there is a vaccine for helping prevent getting the flu.

The wearing of masks, social distancing, and frequent hand-washing is our biggest defense against COVID-19 at this time, and getting tested if you are feeling ill is the only way to know for sure what may be causing your symptoms.

Parents/caregivers are required to screen their students before coming to school each day. If a person is experiencing signs of illness, stay home and contact your healthcare provider. If symptoms include any trouble breathing, chest pain, change in mental status, or bluish lips/face, CALL 911!

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## PROJECTS UNDERWAY AT LOWELL AND WARREN CENTRAL



### INVEST IN EFFICIENCIES

As one of five focus areas in the [2020-2025 Strategic Plan](#), #WarrenWill 'Invest in Efficiencies' to ensure we operate schools that are efficient, safe, state-of-the-art, and sustainable. That's why we're investing in improvements at Lowell Elementary and Warren Central High School. Here's a sneak peek at the exciting construction projects that are underway.

#### LOWELL ELEMENTARY (estimated completion Summer 2021)

- Safety & Security Improvements
- Improved Vehicle Access and Circulation



Exterior Modern Design



Cafeteria



Gym and Stage

Lowell Renderings (above)

- New Gymnasium with Stage, Cafeteria, Kitchen, Large Group Instructional Space
- Comprehensive Renovations
  - 21st Century Learning Environments
  - Flexible Instructional Space and Multi-Purpose Area
  - STEM Focused
- Site Drainage & Infrastructure

#### WARREN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL - Phase 1

- Safety and Security Measures
- Pedestrian/Sidewalk expansions
- Renovations to Performing Arts Department
- Updates/Modernizing areas within building
- Improved Traffic Flow
  - Roundabout on 18th Street entrance
  - Defined parking, bus, drop-off/pick-up zones
- Turf field covering site drainage (16th Street)
- New building entrances and enhance existing entrances



**"We are the "Pride of the Far Eastside" and our community deserves buildings, infrastructure, and processes that reflect that pride. Every student deserves to go to school in a building that is welcoming, safe, and sustainable."**



Door 18



Door 21



r 25

Door 26

WCHS Renderings (above)



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## INVEST IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE WHOLE CHILD

### Moorhead Community Resource Center Grand Opening Celebration

Trunk-or-Treat & Food Distribution\*

3:30-5:30 p.m. • October 30

8400 East 10th Street, Indianapolis

\*drive-thru, while supplies last



## INVEST IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

The Warren Arts & Education Foundation recently distributed 43,000 new children's books, valued at more than \$375,000 to MSD of Warren Township. Volunteers worked tirelessly to sort and box the books by grade level to distribute to students, classrooms and school libraries across the district.



Thank you to the Warren Arts & Education Foundation for empowering students and families with resources to encourage recreational reading, sharing stories, and learning all year long.

If your child loves their new books, please take a moment to thank WAEF by posting a comment or photo on social media with the hashtags #WarrenWill #TogetherWeWill

Learn more [warrenfoundation.org](http://warrenfoundation.org)





# LET'S CONNECT

## 3 STEPS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR SCHOOL

1

### ACTIVATE YOUR PARENTVUE ACCOUNT

Stay involved in your child's learning with our new ParentVUE portal, which offers online access to view student's courses, grades, attendance, discipline and more. Parents/Caregivers should have received instructions on how to activate your account. If you did not receive instructions, please contact your child's school or fill out [this form](#) and someone will contact you to get started. For more information, click [here](#).

2

### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Once you've created your ParentVUE account, please [log in](#) to make sure your contact information is correct in our system. If you need assistance with updating your information, please contact your school.

3

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow MSD Warren Township on social media to stay up-to-date on the latest news. Be sure to follow social media accounts for your student's school as well.

# HERE FOR YOU

We're in this together. Now more than ever, it's critical for educators and parents/caregivers to stay connected and work together to support our students. Please contact your school if you have any questions. We're here to help!

Warren Early Childhood Center	317-869-4752
Brookview Elementary	317-532-3050
Eastridge Elementary	317-532-3150
Grassy Creek Elementary	317-532-3100
Hawthorne Elementary	317-532-3950
Lakeside Elementary	317-532-2850
Liberty Park Elementary	317-532-1850
Lowell Elementary	317-532-3900
Pleasant Run Elementary	317-532-3800
Sunny Heights Elementary	317-532-2900
Creston Intermediate Middle School	317-532-6800
Raymond Park Intermediate Middle School	317-532-8900
Stonybrook Intermediate Middle School	317-532-8800
Renaissance School	317-532-2996
Warren Central High School	317-532-6200
Walker Career Center	317-532-6150
Transportation	317-532-2820
Warren Education & Community Center	317-869-4300

## #WARRENWILL

build strong and supportive relationships



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