July 24, 2020

Dear WLCSD Parents,

As we shared last week, Walled Lake Schools has a draft of its WLCSD Return to Learn Plan for you to review. As you know, so much continues to change and evolve, and this plan will too. As I send this to you, today, the Center for Disease Control just released Coronavirus guidelines for schools. We will be reviewing these guidelines as well.

I want to thank our two committees, The Fall Planning Task Force and The Fall Planning Steering Committee, for their work, time and dedication to understanding the complexity of keeping our children and staff safe in this global pandemic.

We await guidance from the Oakland County Health Department, for direction and for some of the reporting protocols. With the information we have today, this is the draft of the WLCSD Return to Learn Plan. We ask that you please read the plan that includes both a virtual option and a face-to-face option for returning to school on August 31. After you read the plan, please complete the Parent Return to Learn 2020 Survey. Your selection of one of the plans on this survey will give the District the needed direction to continue its rigorous planning. We anticipate providing another survey in the near future where we ask you to commit to virtual or face-to-face as well as busing, and for you ask any additional questions for the 2020-2021 school year. The WLCSD staff is completing a separate staff survey as well.

So that we can fully compile and consider your input, our Board of Education has changed its meeting to August 4. We are sincere in our willingness to adapt based upon your desires, science, and the judgment of administration and the Board. We anticipate having an online presentation/opportunity regarding this plan and will communicate with you regarding this virtual opportunity.
Safety is key as WLCSD prepares to welcome students back to school:

Safety is the top priority as we plan to bring students back. Being proactive, the Walled Lake Schools plan will include information from the three pillars that parents prioritized as most important: **health and safety, social emotional well-being, and quality instruction.** Most importantly, proactive safety protocols are being refined with the guidance of local and State health officials.

Additional information:

- **Food Distribution:** The [Hospitality Food Pantry](#) is open to serve our families and other [Oakland County Food Distribution](#).
- **Keeping our children healthy social and emotionally:** [Lakes Area Community Coalition Newsletter](#)
- **Chromebook returns:** There is a return drop off box located at the Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake, by the Community Education entrance where the video screen is located, and is available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Congratulations:

- **Zane Rosely** Walled Lake Northern High School Class of 2020, was All-American for swimming from Northern In the 200 IM and the 500 Free events for the 2019-20 School Year. He is now a 3-time All-American. He placed in the top 100 swimming performances for those events for high school swimmers across the nation. Way to go!
- Thank you so much to the students and staff involved in [The Student Pantry](#) who are making and providing masks as well as food for many families throughout the summer.

There is much to consider as we prioritize safety and re-enter school this fall. Thank you for your continued patience as together we keep the safety of our students and staff as the priority.

Please stay safe,

Kenneth Gutman

Superintendent of Schools