

August 9, 2020

To All,

We had a challenging end to the 2019-2020 school year and had to make several adjustments in a short amount of time in order to continue our students' learning. I want to thank and compliment all of our staff, parents and students for all that you did to make an unprecedented situation the best it could be. We all came together for the common cause, which is to provide the best education possible for the students we serve. No one could have imagined that school would be closed for the length of time that it was, and that students would be working from home like they did.

Now we are looking to Wednesday, August 12, opening day for our schools, with some of our students on campus for instruction and some at home for remote instruction. There has been a lot of work that has went in to planning for Wednesday and this school year, and I want to thank all of those who contributed. Our Reopening Task Force has met several times to develop our plan, which is linked below. In addition, each building and special area has developed specific plans for their site, which are linked in the Reopening Plan and available on our website. If you have not reviewed these specific plans, please do. In addition, supplies have been ordered and classrooms and other areas have been prepared to promote social distancing and safety. On opening day, we will be giving one washable mask to every student. We know some parents and students may already have their own masks, but we have several more for anyone who would need them. We also have disposable masks in case a student forgets theirs while getting on the bus or needs one at school.

As I said in the opening of this email, we all came together this past spring for a common cause. While the restrictions from the state may not be at the same level now as they were last spring, our common cause still needs us all working together, supporting each other, and being diligent in our efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

As outlined in our Reopening Plan, we need to work together and do the following.

- Daily self-screening
- Practice Social Distancing
- Frequently wash our hands
- Wear a cloth face mask or face shield when social distancing is not possible
- Stay home if you are sick

Our Reopening Plan, Q&A, and building specific plans can be found on our website at [www.Western.k12.in.us](http://www.Western.k12.in.us)

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Randy McCracken