

April 20, 2020

Families,

I hope you and your family continue to stay well during this unprecedented public health crisis.

I am writing today with an update regarding the end of the school year for the 2019-2020. Friday, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued an Executive Order mandating all public and private schools in the state of Illinois close for the remainder of this school year.

Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, at WHSD#1, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning as well as connecting with you for your students well-being.

I know there are a number of questions unanswered at this time, but be assured administration is actively engaged in putting plans together which addresses locker/desk clean out, end of the year Chromebook drop off, sport/club reimbursement, as well what to do about 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

All of these questions and many others will be addressed in the very near future. Understand that we haven't forgotten about celebrating our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We will be working as an administrative team to go over a multitude of options that have been observed by other districts/schools for graduating students. ZBTHS is currently discussing their options for graduating seniors and the feeder districts Zion 6 and Beach Park 3 along with WHDS will ensure a celebratory end for our outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

With the extension of remote learning the state has provided 5 professional development days for teachers to use as a means to maintain quality instruction. The PD days as outlined on the attached calendar are non-student contact days. Therefore, students are not required to sign in and should be treated as our traditional "Teacher Institute Days" where students are not in attendance. Attached is a calendar outlining the days along with the observation of Memorial Day on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

As a recap, here are the three priorities moving forward:

**Priority 1** – Continue with remote learning for the remainder of the school year. Professional Development days for teachers are outlined as non-contact days for students.

**Priority 2** - Communicate plans for families and students in regards to student locker/material pick up. Picking up yearbooks, cap and gowns for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the returning of library books, and many others.

**Priority 3** - Provide a celebratory graduation for our outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

It's important we continue to work together and support our students. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey McCartney

APRIL 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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1, 8, 15, 22 – PD Day for Teachers  
 \*No contact with students  
 25– Memorial Day  
 \*No contact with students

JUNE 2020						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

5 – PD Day for Teachers (This day may be flexed)  
 \*No contact with students  
 5 – Last Day of School