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Dear Westfield Parents, Guardians, and Students:

It is hard to believe that the start of the 2020-2021 school year is just ten days away. I can tell you that our staff members are very much looking forward to connecting with our students again. Our first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is Monday, September 14. All students will start the year learning remotely except for Westfield Technical Academy students in grades 10 and 11, who will report to their CTE program. Kindergarten screenings will be held the week of September 14. PreK and kindergarten students will start the school year on Monday, September 21, remotely. Student schedules and Chromebooks will be distributed next week. Building Principals will provide more detail as soon as possible. Please contact your child's school directly with questions.

Many families have contacted me asking about a timeframe for moving through our phases in our Return to School Plan. If the virus infection rate remains at current levels, we are hoping to bring students back into our buildings more quickly than originally planned. Our next School Committee meeting is on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m., where an expedited transition into our full hybrid learning model will be proposed. School Committee meetings are broadcast live on WCPC Channel 15 and at <https://www.cityofwestfield.org/512/CH-15-Live-Stream>.

Families have also reached out about our proposal to provide a Remote Learning Center's for students during the school day. This continues to be a work in progress, but I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to offer this option for up to 200 students. If we are successful, our Remote Learning Centers would not be opened until the week of October 5 at the earliest. In the meantime, interested families should email Laurie Chistolini at l.chistolini@schoolsofwestfield.org or call the Curriculum and Instruction Office at (413) 562-2298 to express your interest in this option.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your patience as we continue to prepare for the start of the school year. An enormous amount of effort that has gone into reopening our schools. I would like to recognize our staff members, including counselors, teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, custodians, secretaries, and our administrative team for their commitment to our students. Without this dedication, implementation of our Return to School plan would not be possible. There will undoubtedly be some glitches as we open. Please reach out to us at schools or at central office and we will resolve any issues or concerns as soon as possible. We appreciate your understanding.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

Sincerely,

Stefan Czaporowski
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Westfield Public Schools