



WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear WASD Parents/Guardians

March 27, 2020 Update

This message contains updated information based on the direction we have received from the Governor's Office, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the plans made by WASD to move forward. Our principals will be sending an email to parents/guardians today as well with specific information regarding education plans for each level. We will continue to closely monitor available information and share frequent updates. We thank our students, employees, parents/guardians and community members for working together through this challenging issue. Our ongoing teamwork is essential to help us continue to serve our students.

Closure:

Governor Wolf extended the closure of all PA schools for students through at least April 8, 2020. In addition to our schools being closed, all athletics, extra-curricular events, and community use of District facilities are canceled through April 8, 2020. We expect that this closure may be extended and are monitoring information.

To comply with the Governor's order regarding access to school for essential personnel only, we are not allowing the student or parent/guardian access to our buildings at this time.

Calendar:

Based on Governor Wolf's order and recent legislation, WASD is making the following adjustments to our 2019-20 District calendar.

- April 6, 7 & 8, 2020 are school days and students will receive online instruction. These days were previously designated as snow make-up days.
- April 9 & 10, 2020 remain as holidays for students and staff.
- April 13, 2020 is a school day. This day was previously designated as a snow make-up day. If Pennsylvania schools are permitted to reopen, this will be a regular

school day. If Governor Wolf extends the school closure, this will be an online instruction day.

- The 2019-20 school year remains scheduled to end on June 5, 2020.

Online Education:

- WASD teachers participated in training sessions this week to strengthen their ability to provide online education.
- Next week (week of March 30-April 3), all schools will start online education.
- Principals are sending a letter to each school with specific information on access to online education for their school, as well as expectations for students and resources for parents/guardians.
- This change to online education will improve for our students, teachers, and parents/guardians each week. There will be questions and challenges to overcome. We ask for the support of our parents/guardians as we implement this new program.

Quarter/Trimester:

- For grades 5-12, Dr. Jones and Dr. Babb will send communications regarding the quarter schedule and related grading issues.
- For grades K-4, there is no change in the trimester schedule.

Grading/Attendance:

- Our administrators and teachers are discussing revisions to our grading and attendance procedures at each level. Additional information will follow next week on how grades will be addressed at each level, and how student attendance will be recorded.
- For grades K-4, the second trimester was completed on March 5, 2020. Report cards for the second trimester will be issued to parents/guardians when staff is able to return to our schools.

Lunch/Breakfast:

The schedule for distribution of student meals is being modified to mitigate COVID – 19 exposure, in alignment with direction from Governor Wolf. The District will still provide five breakfasts and five lunches on a weekly basis during the school closures. These meals are free for students. Meals can be picked up between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm on the following dates:

- Monday, March 30 – 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches will be served
- Wednesday, April 1 – 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches will be served
- Monday, April 6 – 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches will be served. (This is spring break week.)

Please note children must be present to pick up the meals at the following locations:

Junior Senior High School – Main entrance by the flag pole (Cambridge Ave. entrance)

West Reading Elementary Center – Main entrance (S. 4th Ave)

Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center – Main entrance (bus drop off area)

Please do not hesitate to contact Dariely Marrero, Food Services Director, by email, dmarrero@wyoarea.org or by phone at 610-374-0739 x1118 if there are any questions or if further information is needed.

- Starting Monday, April 13, we will continue to provide meals on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm through any school closure extensions communicated by Governor Wolf.

Facilities:

We closed our grounds that are able to be locked/secured. It has been reported that groups of children are playing football on school grounds that we are not able to secure during off- hours. I am asking for the support of all parents in practicing the social distancing recommendations shared by the CDC and other organizations ([Please click here](#)). Some of our District grounds can't be secured and we know that individuals use our grounds appropriately to walk, bike, etc. within the CDC recommendations. We will continue to collaborate with our Borough partners to help keep these areas safe.

Additional Information:

Additional resources, links and information is available on our District website at the following link: https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/health_services/coronavirus

Thanks,

Robert Scoboria
Superintendent