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Good Morning Wellington Middle School Students and Parents,

I'm incredibly excited to be your principal this year and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you on September 8th. Thankfully, we have the opportunity to gather together in person to begin the school year. While we are beginning the year in a hybrid program, I'm hopeful that our fidelity to our safety measures will have us face-to-face, full time soon.

Our hybrid model consists of an AM group of students and a PM group of students. You can find your grouping under the More tab in Infinite Campus. Clicking on the notes section will take you to the AM or PM designation. Basically, AM students will report to WMS as early as 7:40 am and staff will be present to begin a screening process. School will start at 8:00 AM. We are hopeful we can screen all students in this 20 minute window. It might need adjusting as we work through the difficulties. Students will not be able to congregate in front of the school, as we need to adhere to the 6ft social distancing protocol, and masks covering the nose and mouth will need to be worn. Students eating breakfast will begin screening and permitted in the building by 7:30 am.

After the screening, 6th grade students will go to the cafeteria, 7th graders will go to the east side of the Main Gym and 8th graders will go to the west side of the Main Gym. For those students eating breakfast at the WMS, you will go to the cafeteria to get a grab and go breakfast. Sixth graders will eat in the cafeteria; seventh graders and eighth graders will eat in the gym. All students will be released to their 1st or 6th hour depending on our daily schedule. I'll include the first two week schedule below.

AM students will be able to leave at 11:05, but students eating lunch will be able to grab and go or they can eat at the middle school. AM lunch will be 11:05-11:25 and should be off property by 11:30. We will begin screening the PM students as early as 12:00 pm, daily. Their entry process will be similar to the AM. Grab and go lunches will be served from 12:00-12:20 (6th grade to the cafeteria, 7th grade to the east side of the Gym, 8th

grade to the west side) and PM students will report to their 1st or 6th hour (depending on the day) at 12:25. School will be dismissed at 3:25 pm.

If you are checking Infinite Campus for schedule information, please know that we are working on student schedules this week and next. Schedules will not be finalized until Thursday or Friday of next week. They could change again once we are back in school and we take Fastbridge testing. New Fastbridge data will help us best meet student needs. Your student's 5th hour Knight Time will not meet face-to-face in a hybrid setting, however, Knight Time teachers will be reaching out virtually. Students will also see Knight Time teachers during Fastbridge testing. We will explain this information to the students during the first few days of school. Remote students are included virtually in the classrooms and teachers will be reaching out with expectations and procedures soon.

Text alerts were sent out earlier this week with a chromebook pick-up schedule. Eighth grade students can check out on Monday Aug. 31st; Seventh Grade on Tuesday Sept. 1st; Sixth Grade on Wednesday Sept 2nd. Pick up will be done curbside in front of the middle school from 12-3:00pm.

We will have staff present to screen walk-up and bike riding students. Staff will be screening students in the drop-off lane in the morning (and afternoon), so please expect this process to take longer than in year's past.

I know all of this is new and confusing. We will be sending out additional information as Sept. 8th approaches. As indicated earlier, here is the first two-week hybrid schedule:

First Week:

Tues. Sept 8th - Mon/Thu schedule: AM Students attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 1-4 on their schedules, PM students will attend (12:25-3:25pm) and will attend hours 1-4 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

Wed. Sept 9th - Tu/Fri schedule: AM Students attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 6-9 on their schedules; PM Students attend (12:25-3:25pm) and will attend hours 6-9 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

Thur. Sept 10th - Mon./Thurs. schedule: AM students will attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 1-4 on their schedules, PM Students will attend (12:25-3:25pm) and will attend hours 1-4 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

Fri. Sept 11th - Tu/Fri schedule: AM Students will attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 6-9 on their schedules, PM students will attend (12:25-3:25pm) and will attend hours 6-9 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

Second Week:

Mon. Sept 14 - Mon/Thu schedule: AM students will attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 1-4 on their schedules, PM students will attend (12:25-3:25pm) and attend hours 1-4 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

Tues. Sept 15 - Tu/Fri schedule: AM students will attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 6-9 on their schedules, PM students will attend (12:25-3:25pm) and attend hours 6-9 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

Wed. Sept 16 - Online Teaching occurs. No students will be in the building.

Thurs. Sept 17 - Mon/Thu schedule: AM students will attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 1-4 on their schedules, PM students will attend (12:25-3:25pm) and will hours 1-4 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

Fri. Sept 18 - Tu/Fri schedule: AM students will attend (8:00-11:05am) and will attend hours 6-9 on their schedules, PM students will attend (12:25-3:25pm) and will attend hours 6-9 on their schedules {Breakfast 7:30 start, AM Lunch 11:05-11:25, PM Lunch 12:00-12:20}

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