TRAININGS & SUPPORTS

The district is working on arranging training sessions for families on how to access and use:

**MyWG Class link** is a universal login application where students can find all online programs and tools they need to use for learning. This is a system where they login once and all learning programs within the application automatically log in as well, so the students only need to know their main login and password.

**Schoology** is the new main platform where students and parents will be able to access a range of information. If you can only participate in one training that is offered this would be the one to do.

**Final Forms** will be a new web based process where parents can find many of the school forms typically mailed home each year and forms used for sign-ups for things like free and reduced lunch, address changes, student handbook acknowledgement, athletic sign ups and school registration. Many of these processes will be done electronically, reducing the need for papers to be sent back and forth and the potential for lost paperwork.

We are also discussing the need for social and emotional support sessions. This is a work in progress, but we will keep you informed on the progress of these opportunities.

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**Health and Safety**

Guidelines provided by the NYS Department of Health must be followed. The school will implement these strictly and will enforce these guidelines throughout the school day in all areas of the school campus.

Facemasks will be required whenever 6-foot social distancing is not possible. More details can be found in the full reopening plan.

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**TECHNOLOGY**

As directed by the state, schools should provide instruction on using technology and IT support for students, teachers, and families.

All students will be provided technology tools and access. We will be using what worked during the initial closure and make improvements based on challenges noted and family feedback.
SPORTS

We want sports back!

Athletic decisions are unique because they do not involve our district alone. The districts in Section IV who provide our competitors are part of this decision-making process. At this time, we know all state championships for the fall have been canceled. However, the current plan is to have fall athletics start on September 21st with an extended playing season. We are also aware that some sports may not be allowed to play while other are, due to the contact nature of certain sports. Many of these decisions are still contingent on whether schools will be allowed to meet in person as well. Sign-ups will be done electronically through a program called Final Forms and more information will follow, once we are sure which sports will be allowed to play.

There is a good change HS athletics will be postponed until January as well. You can log into NYSPHSAA website for the latest news on high school sports across the state.

TRANSPORTATION

At this time the state has directed that face masks are required on busses at all times. Family members will be encouraged to sit together during bussing. We will be running only one bus run as we have in the past. Families who are not comfortable having your child ride the bus are encouraged to transport on their own if able. The transportation department will be sending out a survey soon to determine who intends to ride the bus or drive, if we are allowed to have in person teaching. The new program call Final Forms will collect that information, so please look for future instructions on this process.

AND THE SURVEY SAYS ...

333 families responded to the survey. Below are some highlights we received from respondents. —Thank You!

59% reported the most challenging aspect of virtual learning: working and home schooling

72% spent 2-3 hours on schoolwork daily

26% want more contact with teachers

10% want distance learning only

50% want students in school while adhering to health & safety guidelines

48% want their children in school every day

39% would support a part time in school & part time virtual

67% could transport their children if there are limited numbers of students on buses

23% need tech supports

82% would attend trainings on: learning programs students use supporting home learning

163 respondents provided written comments as well.

POTENTIAL SCHOOLING MODELS

Full-In person: all students will be in attendance in person and will be required to follow all health and safety guidelines including handwashing, face masks and social distancing.

Hybrid: students will attend in-person school part time (abiding by health and safety guidelines) and receive virtual schooling part time.

Virtual: all learning will occur through digital means including instruction and student work submission

Home School: This is NOT the same as virtual schooling. Notice of intent to home school must be submitted to WGCSD. Form can be found at www.wgcsd.org/homeschooling.cfm

The district has submitted a plan for all three versions as required by NYSED and the Department of Health by the July 31st Deadline. The governor has said he will make the final decision on how we will open by August 7th. We will continue to update you as we gain more specifics. Please call Diana Crane, school registrar at 535-3219 to make sure the district has your updated contact information, if you have changed addresses, phone numbers or emails.