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Dear WHS students and families,

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating December vacation. I know that everyone needed and deserved a break from our busy school routines. While my family wasn't able to make the usual sojourn to California to see my parents, we created some new traditions and got plenty of rest! I certainly look forward to seeing our staff and students this week and beginning our 2021 journey together.

As we return to the school buildings this week, I wanted to add some more WHS-specific details to Dr. Unobskey's email yesterday.

We know that the next couple of weeks will require flexibility from our staff as families manage their post-vacation circumstances. We are prepared to work with students to support their access to learning and to keep them and our community safe. At the same time, we respectfully ask for clear communication from families about their circumstances so we can support the well-being of our community. To help families make good decisions about whether or not their child should attend school in person, we ask that you follow these procedures:

- Continue to complete the HealthWatch attestation app each morning, and *do not send your student to school* if you check "Yes" to any of the questions. When you check "Yes," our School Nurse, John Basbas, will reach out to you to discuss next steps. He may be contacted in our Health Room at 508-358-3712.
- If your student will be absent for their in-person classes due to quarantine (which includes self-quarantine for any reason) *and intends to attend classes remotely*, a parent or guardian must contact our attendance desk at hs_attendance@waylandps.org or **508-358-5861** and include the reason for absence.

Once this notification, including a specific reason for the absence from in-person classes, has occurred, the student is approved to attend their classes remotely. Depending on the class, remote participation may involve synchronous or asynchronous learning; it does not automatically mean a student will be "zoomed in" to the class.

- *Students should not "zoom in" to a class without prior notification to the main office by a parent or guardian.* If they do so, their in-person absence will be unexcused until it is verified by an administrator. Please help us streamline this process by notifying the attendance office *before* a student attends classes remotely.
- Please do not call the School Nurse to discuss details regarding a student attending classes remotely. As noted earlier, the approval process for remote participation occurs through the attendance desk and main office (**508-358-5861** or **508-358-7746**). Calls to School Nurse Basbas should only concern student health.

- As per Dr. Unobskey's message yesterday, please be reminded that students who (a) travelled out of state, or (b) participated in a gathering of more than 10 people over vacation *must submit a negative PCR test to the School Nurse* before attending school in-person. In working with School Nurse Basbas, it is imperative that families follow his guidance. Given the anticipated volume of cases, we appreciate your patience and consideration.

Lastly, we want to reiterate that our school's health and safety protocols continue to be firmly in place, and we are committed to maintaining a safe school community. As you know, the Board of Health, School Committee, and Select Board recommended yesterday that we continue with the hybrid model this week knowing the importance of students being in school. If you have any questions about our safety protocols, please feel free to reach out to an administrator.

We look forward to seeing our students very soon!

My best,



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