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Dear WPSD Students and Parents/Caregivers:

I hope you are staying well and enjoying the summer months. As we continue to navigate the obstacles that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed before us, the safety of our students, staff, and community will continue to drive all district decisions regarding the upcoming school year. What school will look like in August is still uncertain; and uncertainty will continue for the near future. While we are developing plans based on our current understandings, I cannot stress enough how critical it is to remain flexible throughout the school year. COVID-19 is an ever-shifting landscape. Here is what I can share at this time:

- At the July 13th Board Meeting, the West Perry School Board will be reviewing the Health and Safety Plan that was developed by a 16 member Pandemic Team. This plan includes key health and safety strategies and protocols for in-person instruction. Once the board reviews this plan, they must approve it and submit it to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The plan will be posted on the district website once approved.
- Administration has finalized a plan that will allow students to receive an appropriate education no matter what the color designation Perry County may be in:
 - Green** – All students will attend school.
 - Yellow** – All students will attend school.
 - Red** – Full remote learning will take place.
- On July 1, Governor Wolf signed an order that requires face coverings be worn whenever a person leaves home. This includes students and staff at school. Students are required to wear masks while on buses, in all common areas, and when social distancing cannot happen. Students are not required to wear masks when working at their desks, eating, or engaged in activities where social distancing is occurring. Students who have documented medical issues that prevent them from wearing facemasks are exempt from this order.
- Once the Health and Safety Plan is approved, we will release a summary of the plan and more detailed information about the fall including bell schedules, and plans for responding to suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases in the school.
- We are aware that some parents are considering virtual schooling for the fall. Under normal circumstances, we firmly believe that in-person education is preferable for most students. However, we understand that virtual education may be necessary for some students. Please complete [this survey](#) if you would like more information about West Perry's cyber program

I would like to thank you for your continued patience, for collaborating with us to empower our students to achieve their full potential and for helping us to make every day a great day!

Sincerely,

David Zula