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Dear West Perry School District Families,

We hope that you are staying well and safe. Uncertainty continues to surround the 2020-2021 school year. As West Perry School District stakeholders, every one of us continues to have more questions than there are answers. We need to take comfort in the fact that our community is strong and that we will work through those uncertainties one day at a time. It is critical for you to understand that our decisions and plans may change from one day/week to the next. We will need to remain flexible for the near future based on the changing landscape of guidance that is provided by the government and health officials. To that end, I have a few updates to share with you at this time:

- Administration has been meeting to discuss the opening of the school year and have decided to begin the school year with an A/B schedule for students. This is different from my prior communication that stated the District would start with full participation by all students. We feel that by starting with an A/B schedule, it will provide much needed time for students and staff to adjust to the changes that are occurring due to COVID-19. The A/B schedule will be in place from August 24th – September 4th. We will reevaluate the District schedule during that two-week period. If the District does not experience any COVID-19 problems or a growth in positive cases in the county, we will begin full attendance on September 8th. The students will be assigned an A or B on their schedules and class assignments (mailed to families the week of August 10th. Group A will start on Monday, August 24th and group B will start on Tuesday, August 25th. Students who receive full-time special education services will still come every day. Administration will contact those students/families in the near future with information regarding their schedule. The A/B schedule will be as follows:

	8/24/20	8/25/20	8/26/20	8/27/20	8/24/20	8/31/20	9/1/20	9/2/20	9/3/20	9/4/20
Group A	School	Home	School	Home	School	Home	School	Home	School	Home
Group B	Home	School	Home	School	Home	School	Home	School	Home	School
Full-time Special Education Students	School									

- Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School will also begin the school year on an A/B schedule. Due to different starting dates and requirements, the WPSD A/B schedule does not match the CPAVTS A/B schedule. CPAVTS will be providing their students with an update to the start of the school year. High School Administration will be sending a communication out regarding schedules for students who attend both CPAVTS and WPSD.
- The Academic Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year has been updated. Friday, September 4th which was originally scheduled as an early dismissal for students, will now be a full day.
- A Frequently Asked Questions page has been developed to provide you with answers to questions that you may have related to the start of school. The FAQ page is accessible from our website at www.westperry.org/news/covid-19. Click on “3. FAQ WPSD COVID-19”.

5. Please remember the change in start and end times for the upcoming school year. They are as follows: Elementary 9:30AM – 3:35PM, Middle School 7:40AM – 2:30PM, and High School 7:30AM – 2:20PM.
6. We take the health and safety of our students and staff seriously. In an effort to keep everyone healthy so we may provide in-person instruction to our students, it is the expectation that all staff and students follow the masking requirements that were provided from the Department of Health. Masks will be worn in all areas where social distancing cannot occur. Students will not have to wear a mask while seated at their desks, or when social distancing can occur. If you are concerned about your child's ability to wear a mask due to a medical condition, please contact your building principal or nurse to work on a specific plan.

On behalf of the District and the Board of Directors, we extend our best wishes for the continued health of our entire community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at dzula@westperry.org.

We thank you for your continued patience, for partnering with us on behalf of our students and for showing Mustang PRIDE!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. Zula".

David M. Zula
Superintendent of Schools