

## **Wyandotte Public Schools**

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Dear Center Program families,

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, the Wyandotte Public Schools Board of Education approved a plan to begin the 2020-21 school year with a remote start for the month of September for students. Our hope is to implement the safety protocols for Phase 4 of Michigan's Roadmap, and be able to welcome back students in a face-to-face setting when it is safe to do so.

The heartbreaking part of this decision is it means there will be a delay for students to see their teachers and classroom staff in person. Over the past few weeks, we have been brainstorming creative ways to deliver new instruction, provide services and a social environment. The Wyandotte Public School Preparedness Plan includes teachers teaching from their classrooms, during regular school hours, however, students will not be "on a screen" the entire time. There will be time for students to work independently or in virtual small groups. They may also be working remotely 1-on-1 with a teacher or support staff member.

Look for more information regarding the start of school from your child's administrator next week.

We will continue to monitor guidance from the local health, state and federal agencies as the start of the school year begins. We will also monitor incident rates, positivity rates, what Phase we are in as well as experiences other districts are having. We will inform you of any changes to our Plan, in the event it needs to be amended.

The last five months have been more difficult than ever before. Families have made great sacrifices and we are asking all of you to support your children, yet again. Ultimately, the health and well being of our students are our top priority, yet it is a huge challenge that we do not take lightly. Thank you for your continued partnership. It is greatly appreciated and in the weeks to come, I can only hope things will be back to "as normal" as possible.

Sincerely, Dr. Cost