July 30, 2020

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

The staff of Godwin Heights Public Schools has been working on plans with the intent to offer a choice to families and students. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, pending approval, Godwin Heights Public Schools intends to offer remote learning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. On June 30, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-142 which lays out the directive for a Return to School Roadmap for districts to follow.

From August 24-September 11, all students Pre-K-12 will participate in online instruction from home. Beginning, Monday, September 14, we will begin to bring students back one group at a time. Pre-K through 5th grade elementary students will begin face to face instruction on September 14, Middle School (6th-8th grade) will begin face to face instruction on September 21 and High School/Learning Center (9th-12th grade) will begin face to face instruction on September 28. If you are not comfortable sending your child back to school face to face, you will have the option to continue in remote learning for a specified period of time.

This phase-in process allows us to ensure a safe environment for both students and staff while continuing to provide a quality educational experience for our students. Please note: This is not the remote learning we provided in April and May of last school year. That was a different time with different requirements and was not meant to replace normal school instruction. Attendance will be taken, grades will be given, participation expected, and the same intentions for learning with which our students and staff are familiar.

We are planning to continue with athletics in accordance with the Michigan High School Athletic Association guidelines. The district reserves the right to cancel or postpone athletics in order to ensure the safety of our coaches and athletes. In addition, we anticipate being able to provide meals for students pending guidance from the state and federal government. Transportation will resume once face to face instruction begins.

Your input is very important to us and we thank you for sharing your thoughts and completing past surveys. To help design the structure of school with appropriate requirements in place, assigning students to classrooms (either in-person or remotely) and preparing for a great new school year, you are required to complete this survey in (control click for survey) English or Spanish by Wednesday, August 5.

If you have any questions, please contact us. You may email me at fetterhoff@godwinschools.org or by phone at 616-252-2090.

It’s a great day to be a Wolverine!

Sincerely,

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