

WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Webutuck Families,

On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Webutuck Central School District, I would like to offer a Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your family. Please take this time with family and friends to reflect on the importance of remaining safe and healthy during these trying times.

Each day, many hours are spent with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, the New York State Education Department, the Council of Dutchess County School Superintendents and our Dutchess County Executive's Office to discuss the latest news and updates on the COVID-19 pandemic. In our last meeting with the above agencies, Dutchess County superintendents were informed of a possible "Thanksgiving and Christmas" spike in COVID-19 cases due to the socialization that many families will have during the holiday season. We were asked to help remind our families to stay safe and practice good hygiene habits including social distancing and mask wearing.

At this time, with the information that has been shared with me thus far, it is the District's plan to return to our hybrid in-person model on Monday, November 30th. Grades prek-6 will return to school on a 4-day schedule. Grades 7-12 will return to their hybrid Monday/Tuesday & Thursday/Friday cohort model. Wednesdays will continue to remain a full-remote day used for correspondence and communication and asynchronous instruction.

Over the next few days, I will be continuing the discussions with the agencies mentioned above, as well as tracking the number of COVID-19 cases in our area. If I receive information that will force the District to stay in the full-remote instructional setting, I will communicate that as soon as possible.

As a reminder, the District is processing the results of its latest survey which asked for families to identify if they would like to remain in hybrid instruction or move to full-remote instruction. Once we compile that data, we will inform families as to any instructional plan changes beginning January 4, 2021.

Again, please enjoy the time with your families during this Thanksgiving! Stay healthy, safe and well!

Respectfully,

Raymond Castellani
Superintendent