

February 19, 2021

EWPS want to provide you with an update and a few reminders regarding our schedule, weather, COVID-19 protocols, sports, and the budget.

### **Instructional Schedule and Weather**

I would like to thank all of the parents for their continued patience and flexibility as we dealt with several unplanned adjustments to the school schedule due to weather, including both shortened and remote learning days recently. For future reference in the event of other unplanned changes to the learning day, student schedules can be found on each school's portal. The shortened day times for each building can be found in the School Year Calendar located on the district's homepage.

As you are aware, we are continuing to run in-person learning 4 days per week as of January 25. As a reminder, all students who attend in person are expected to be in school for 4 days (except for illness, quarantine, etc.). If your child has been learning remotely and you intend to return to in-person learning, we need for you to contact the school office at least 3 days in advance, as we require up to 3 days to arrange for their return.

The Department of Education has given superintendents the authority to decide if we will have remote learning days rather than traditional snow days for this school year. We intend to use that option when feasible, providing the weather is not impacting internet access with potential power outages. In addition, we will prioritize in-person learning in our decision making when weather permits, and we will opt for a delayed start over cancellation of in-person learning for a remote learning day. We will be reminding students to take home laptops when poor weather is in the forecast. Please encourage your children to remember their laptops as well. If we have remote learning days rather than traditional snow days, we will not have to extend the school year in June.

### **COVID-19 CASES, TRAVEL ADVISORY and QUARANTINE**

If you plan to travel outside of Connecticut, please remember to check the Governor's Travel Advisory (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>). Students who travel to any state listed on the advisory are required to quarantine following their return, and the states on the list do change. During the period of quarantine, students are expected to participate in remote learning until they are able to return to in-person classes. East Windsor is still holding to the 14-day quarantine after consultation with the local health district. This is done to try to limit close contacts and possible increased numbers of positive COVID-19 cases as the incubation period for COVID-19 is still 14 days.

Since the last parent update, we have had 1 positive case at the middle school and one positive case at high school.

### **ATHLETICS**

This week, the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Board of Control reaffirmed its current position on fans/spectator attendance at winter sport events by continuing to recommend that fans/spectators not be allowed. We are aware that the CIAC also stated that they are leaving allowing fans/spectators to the discretion of each local district due to the complexity of venues around the state. Currently, we are not changing our plan regarding spectators at indoor athletic events - based on the recommendations by both CIAC and DPH we will continue to have no spectators at indoor athletic events. We do appreciate that parents

would like to support their children in person; however, our primary goal is to keep the students healthy so they are able to attend school. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates.

As a reminder, our basketball games are being live-streamed. You can find the links on the East Windsor High School Athletics page of our website at [www.eastwindsork12.org](http://www.eastwindsork12.org). Check it out – the links for this week's games are available!

For students in middle school or high school, please make sure to check the Athletics page for updates and information about signing up in Family ID.

## **BUDGET**

The Board of Education will be voting on the 2021-2022 school budget during their next regularly scheduled meeting for February 24 at 7:30 p.m. The Superintendent's Budget proposal was at a 2.9% increase over the current local appropriation. Information from the meeting will be posted on the website and will be included in future parent updates. The BOE is scheduled to present the school budget to the Board of Finance on March 17.

Thank you, and have a nice weekend!

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