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Wa-Nee Community School Parents,

Good afternoon. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide clarity to the Public Health Order (04-2020) which was released this afternoon by the Elkhart County Health Department. In the Public Health Order, all K-12 schools in Elkhart County have been given the authorization to start the 2020-2021 school year by **providing** in-person instruction or instruction via remote learning according to each district's Reopening Plan.

As a result of this authorization, WCS will continue with our current Reopening Plan and will permit students to attend school on August 17 through the means their families previously selected (either remotely or in person).

In addition, the Public Health Order also allows school sponsored and co-curricular programs to resume so long as all participants maintain a distance of at least six feet during the activity. Administrators who oversee each program will be working with coaches, sponsors, and directors to resume all activities while ensuring compliance with the Public Health Order. If your student is involved in these activities, please watch for information to be released soon. For some programs, very little adaptation will need to take place. For other programs, we will need to modify the way we conduct our practices and may need to postpone events to ensure that we are able to comply with the Public Health Order.

On behalf of our school system, I am pleased to learn that the opportunity to offer both in-person and remote learning will be safely available to our students. Please, please, please continue to support our efforts to keep our schools open for our kids. If you or your student is showing symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. If you have been in close contact (15 mins) with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, please self quarantine for 14 days. If you are able and it is necessary to go out into the public, please maintain six feet of physical distance when possible. And lastly, please continue to wear your facial coverings. If we continue to work TOGETHER we can overcome this challenge.

As always, please know I will make myself available to anyone who has questions or concerns about this or any other matter surrounding our schools. If I can be of any assistance, please feel welcome to contact my office and schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent
Wa-Nee Community Schools