

## January Superintendent's Newsletter

January 4, 2021



Dear WCSD Community,



As we step into the new year with a sense of optimism for good things to come, I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership. I hope you had a great winter break and are welcoming 2021 filled with joy and laughter. Like many of you, I am looking forward to embracing the new year with a positive mindset for the future.

### **Governor Newsom's Press Conference**

On Wednesday, Governor Newsom released [information](#) outlining a framework to continue safely opening schools for in-person instruction. His plan includes increased funding, safety measures, oversight and assistance. I want to assure you that WCSD has implemented strong health and safety protocols and that we are prepared for reopening. However, **with the current increase in COVID cases over the past several weeks, this message shall serve as confirmation that we will remain in remote learning.** We are hoping that the health metrics improve to allow us to transition to our in-person hybrid model in the near future.

*January promises to be a busy month...here are a few upcoming highlights.*

### **Family Education Series**

Please join us for the two remaining workshops in our Family Education Series Part II. These sessions have been designed to share new information, provide support and answer your questions on a wide range of topics.

### **TK/K Parent Night**

On Tuesday, January 19th, Jan Rogenski, Director of Instruction, along with our site administrators and TK/K teachers will hold our annual Family Information Night. They will share information about instructional standards, schedules and important registration information. This meeting will take place on Zoom. Please use [this link](#) to register.

### **District Equity Committee**

WCSD will continue our commitment to ensuring that all students and staff learn in a safe and respectful environment. This is a goal identified in our District Strategic Plan. Our District Climate Committee has created a pathway to continue our work with their focus on equity, inclusion and respect. Some outcomes of that committee include: advisory embedded in all 6-8 grade schedules, new programs to address social emotional learning including *Responsive Classroom*, *See Something Say Something* and *Speak Up Be Safe*. This month, we will launch our District Equity Committee to address social justice, unconscious bias, and racial bullying.

### **One District One Book**

On January 25th, we will launch One District One Book. This is a districtwide celebration of literacy instruction. Thank you to WCEF and our PTA/PTO for sponsoring a read-a-thon and many amazing activities. I can't wait to share the title of our book selection later this month...stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Wishing you health and happiness in the new year,  
Marie