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Dear WCSD Community,

We welcome you into the 2020 year!

Now that we are in the month of January the students are soon to complete the second marking period or, for our high school students who are completing their half-year courses, the second semester. As the end of the first semester approaches, many of our students will be taking Regents exams. Some of our students will be attempting exams for a second time or more. To those students we honor their resilience in reaching academic success. And, for other high school students, many will be taking a Regents exam for the first time. Many students are also enrolled in honors courses and approaching Advanced Placement (AP) exams later in the spring. We honor their commitment to reaching a High School Advanced Diploma. We encourage all students to study diligently and to approach their teachers for additional assistance. After school Regents Boot Camp has been scheduled at the high schools. We encourage all students who are scheduled to take a Regents exam to attend as many of these preparation sessions as they can. The schedule of the Regents preparation sessions and sign-up procedures can be found on the schools' webpage.

Just this past month, our District provided a very informative evening workshop on the dangers of vaping. As we enter into the 2020 part of the 2019–2020 school year, please join the WCSD community, with the full support of the Board of Education, in ending the troubling epidemic of vaping that is impacting the health of our students. The District plans to continue to provide additional workshops as well as other venues for students to be informed of the dangers of vaping.

In addition to these workshops, we will also provide Superintendent Forums on the school budget. It is important that we hear from members of our community. Often times we hear from our WCSD community members after the deadline for the Board approval of the Superintendent's proposed budget in April. It is after this final process of the budgetary preparation that changes to the budget are not permissible. For this reason, we welcome you to attend Board workshops and Superintendent Forums scheduled throughout the coming months.

As always during the winter months, we like to keep you informed of the emergency closing and delay schedule. Please see the chart below indicating the days utilized so far this school year:

EMERGENCY DAYS (five days are built into the calendar)	<i>Monday, December 2</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 17</i>
SCHOOL DELAYS	<i>Tuesday, December 3</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 11</i>
	<i>Tuesday, November 19</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 18</i>
EARLY DISMISSALS		

Once again, we welcome back our dedicated administrators, teachers, support staff, and, most importantly, our students. We continue to strive and live by our Mission Statement and Core Values. It is a new year and we encourage all of our students to strive for the best, pursue their passions, and take advantage of all the opportunities available to them.

Sincerely,
 José L. Carrión
 Superintendent of Schools