

September 1, 2019

Dear WCSD Community:

It was two months ago that we were wishing all WCSD families a very safe and happy summer and informing you that the first day back to school for students is Thursday, September 5, 2019. Here we are already in September welcoming you back to the 2019-2020 school year.

While many of our students were enjoying their summer vacation, WCSD offices, as well as many teachers and support staff continued their work either by working in the summer school program, writing curriculum and/or addressing new mandates and regulations. We are excited to share and highlight with you some of the initiatives and programs that took place over the summer:

- Purposeful Play in the Kindergarten classroom
- Science Curriculum Development for Grade 6
- Social Studies Curriculum Realignment Grade K-6
- K-12 Alignment for 3-D Instruction: Implementing Inquiry and the 5 E's
- Science Curriculum Development for Grades 7 and 8
- Preparation for AP Computer Science Principles
- School Counseling K-6 Planning
- Google G-Suite for Grade 7
- ELA and Social Studies Curriculum Development Grades 7-12

On June 13, 2019, Governor Cuomo enacted legislation which eliminated the religious exemption from immunizations for school children (Pre-K through Grade 12), effective immediately. Therefore, all school-aged children are required to have the full course of immunizations. The only allowable exemption is for valid medical reasons, which must be accompanied by a note from the child's physician stating the exact nature of the medical exemption. For the WCSD families who intend to remain enrolled in school, you will only need to show proof that your child has started the immunization sequence within fourteen (14) days of starting school on September 5, 2019. Within thirty (30) days of the first day of school, you must show that you have made appointments for your child to receive all required follow-up doses of the immunizations. If your child does not meet

the time frames set forth above or if you fail to provide the District with a valid medical exemption from a doctor by September 18, 2019, your child will be excluded from schools within the District. Please read more detailed information by clicking on the link below:

[Click Here for the 7/22/19 full FAQ memo](#)

It's been a very busy summer with capital improvement projects throughout the District. We ask for your patience and understanding as some of our schools have security vestibules still in the process of construction. As we complete some of the remaining projects, please note that they will not interfere or disrupt the instructional day for our teachers and students. If you are interested in learning more about the wonderful accomplishments we have made to our facilities and structures, please click this link:

[Click Here for Capital Project Update July 2019](#)

At the beginning of each school year, we always enjoy extending a warm welcome to all of our Kindergarten and newly-enrolled students, administrators, teachers and support staff to the WCSD Family and Community. On behalf of the Board of Education and the Central Office Staff Administration, we are excited for the 2019-2020 school year and all the great things to come from our students.

Let us continue to build strong relationships and increase involvement and engagement with administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and most importantly, the students of our wonderful and innovative school district.

Sincerely,
José L. Carrión
Superintendent of Schools