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Dear Families:

I hope this letter finds you well, healthy, and enjoying the last week of summer. You are receiving this letter because you have opted for a 100% remote learning experience for the start of the 20/21 school year. As I have said in my previous message, the first day for students will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020. We have approximately 10% of our student body participating in the remote education experience. Students will be provided with a similar but not identical experience to our in-person students.

Remote instruction will consist of both synchronous and asynchronous activities. Students will not be asked to stay online for 6 ½ hours a day. Synchronous activities mean at some point, students will participate with the class in real-time. Asynchronous activities can consist of independent activities that will be completed by the student at home. These activities can consist of independent practice, reading, writing, completing work on online platforms such as IXL and other activities. Students who are participating in remote learning will be graded similarly to our in-person students. Attendance will be taken daily, and students will be able to complete an online form to mark themselves present. If students do not label themselves present, they will be marked absent. If a parent chooses to change from remote instruction to in-person instruction, they must notify the superintendent in writing one week before the change.

Currently, we do not have any sports or extracurricular activities. Still, when extracurriculars do begin, our students who are participating in remote instruction will have the option to participate in all extracurricular activities.

Teachers will be using Google Classroom, Google hangout, screen sharing apps, IXL, and other online platforms to provide instruction. During the first week of school, students will be invited to join a Google Classroom. Students will get this invitation in their school-provided email address. Directions for logging into your school email will be posted on our website. Families can access Google G-suite from any connected device. Our email system has additional security restrictions. Students will not be able to receive emails from outside the at .@mmace domain unless those emails are previously cleared by the school system.

Google Classroom is the location that assignments will be posted and submitted online. Students will be exposed to all the classes that they would have in the building, including physical education and related arts. During the school day, students will be asked to work independently, either by themselves or under the guidance of a parent. We are asking that you set up an appropriate location in your house for online learning, such as a table or desk. Students should not be participating in remote instruction from a bed or other places that are not conducive to instruction. We ask that you get your child on a routine to participate during the school day. Students should also dress appropriately for any online synchronous activities, which means students should not be participating in instruction in their pajamas and shirts are required.

Students in grades K through five will be assigned a teacher who is their online learning liaison who will help them through this process. They will be reaching out to students during the first week of school. Teachers in grades six through eight will have office hours to communicate with students about the online learning process.

We look forward to guiding your child as we embark on this unprecedented educational experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Superintendent's office at 609.522.6885.

Sincerely,

Christopher Armstrong  
Superintendent  
North Wildwood School District