

Dear Wyoming Area School District community.

Since the school closures on March 13, 2020, school districts across the country continue to work diligently on a daily basis through collaboration with their state departments as well as local stakeholders. In the end, it does come down to a local decision to where the school district needs to ensure the safety of their students and staff first and foremost. We are confident at this time, that shifting our continuity of education plan to an all virtual model will provide the safest atmosphere. This model via *Google classroom* **will be facilitated by our faculty and staff**. Once again, **our own teachers** will be providing and delivering their curriculum to our students which we believe will not only be the best education provided that we are capable of during these challenging times but the safest.

Lessons will be **interactive, streamed, recorded, and uploaded to Google Classroom** facilitated by our own Wyoming Area school teachers. Google Classroom is NOT the platform we used during the school closure. That was the state recommended platform known as Edgenuity/Oddesseyware which is NOT Google Classroom. **With Google Classroom, students will be able to participate virtually in real time where they can ask questions, respond, and actively engage in classroom discussion.**

We as the Wyoming Area School District have said all along that our top priority will be the safety measures that we put in place and with being true to that mindset, we need to implement this virtual model to ensure the safety of our students and our staff because once again, in being true to ourselves in working with children - the question continues to arise - how will we be able to maintain recommended social distancing per the CDC guidelines? And the answer that we keep coming back to is virtual learning until we are assured and confident from a national, state and local level that it is safe to return to school.

At this time, please be advised that district curriculum will be delivered through Google Classroom and we strongly encourage all of the families that either enrolled into an outside cyber school or enrolled into our own Wyoming Area cyber school (VLN); to please consider having your student(s) take advantage of being educated by their own teachers within this virtual model. This model will be implemented through the first marking period, which ends November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will continue to assess what changes may take place with the pandemic.

If your child is not able to participate during the school day once the building level schedules are developed and shared; please email your Principal stating this and the reason and a response will be provided to you.

Our ultimate goal is for students to return to school in a safe environment and we as district officials & the Board of Education who serve the families of the Wyoming Area School District believe strongly it is not the wisest or safest decision to make for our students at this point in time.

Robert Galella, Director of Curriculum  
Old African Saying...

"If you want to go fast, Go Alone. If you want to go far, Go Together."