

WSD Weekly Report #3
Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Hey All You Trojan Fans-



Go ahead and finish it..."Stand Up And Clap Your Hands!"

Two years ago, I stood on the sideline with our Minico football coaching staff needing to make a decision. We had scored with a minute remaining in the IHSAA State Semifinal versus the #1 ranked 10-0 Skyview Hawks. Should we go for a one point conversion and tie the game? ...or a two point conversion to win and play in a first ever state championship the following week? We went for two, and we were successful! We ran a play we had practiced all year long, but never had run it in a game situation. Skyview had no idea it was coming. Our staff prepared our players for a worst case scenario. We never knew if our plan would work. We just wanted to make sure we gave our kids a chance to be successful.

I don't think anyone involved education was fully prepared for the situation we are currently in right now. The State Board of Education extended a "soft closure" for all school districts until April 20. I am anticipating the soft closure will be extended for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. A soft closure means students will not be allowed to be on campus and will receive educational services through distance learning. Special Education and Food services will additionally be provided. While we provide these services, we will make best efforts to keep all staff members healthy.

The safety and well-being of our students and families is a key priority. We are especially worried about the children and have asked staff to reach out to all students this week. Mental health concerns can be high during this stressful time and additionally, most students are bored and frustrated they cannot see their friends, teachers, staff members, etc. We have asked our counselors Teri Webberley twebberley@wendellschools.org and Kevin Connor kconnor@wendellschools.org to be readily available in this time of need.

A reminder we are serving free meals for any students ages 1-18 every Monday through Thursday in front of Wendell Elementary School. Today we served a whopping 180 students. We have additionally made the internet available in our high school parking lot to anyone in the community.

Please take a chance to watch this awesome video <https://youtu.be/r5Sx-pB2YI4> I am continually motivated by folks who are at their best in unprecedented times.

Thank you Wendell! Your efforts are truly appreciated. As Winston Churchill stated, this will be your finest hour ... Go Win It!

Stay Healthy Trojans,

Tim Perrigot