



July 29, 2020

Our weekly “Back to School E-newsletter” for families!



### ***Important Information***

#### **All Day Kindergarten Fees**

During its upcoming regular meeting on Monday, August 10, the Westerville Board of Education will consider a resolution to adjust All Day Kindergarten (ADK) tuition charges based on the school instructional models in effect during the 2020-2021 school year. Per the resolution under consideration, tuition would be charged based on the following:

- Traditional: 100% tuition charged
- Bended: 50% tuition charged
- Fully Remote: no tuition charged

Any excess tuition paid would be refunded. Regardless of this resolution, any family that paid a deposit for ADK but then decided to enroll their kindergartner in the Westerville Virtual Academy will receive a refund of their ADK deposit.



### ***Academics/Operations***

We realize that [today's announcement](#) about the district opening the 2020-21 Academic Year in a 100% virtual instruction model raises many additional questions for families. We will be providing additional clarification over the coming days as those “next-level” decisions are made. **We also anticipate that by tomorrow afternoon, we will send families our revised framework for remote learning.** These revisions are based upon the input and feedback from families and staff following last year's transition to remote instruction. Below are the key points for families to know about today's announcement:



- Despite a recent short-term improvement to key health data for our region, Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health remain concerned about the long-term trend they are seeing in COVID-19 data.
- As a result of this data, these same health officials recommend that schools should not reopen under any model that provides in-person instruction and should open under a 100% remote learning model.
  - Schools could consider offering blended learning with in-person instruction only when there is a sustained positive trend in the data they are monitoring.
  - Given the current guidance we have received from health officials, along with the need to provide at least two weeks advance notice to families, the earliest we foresee any chance that we could return to a blended learning model is October 5.
  - Our district's decision is contributing toward their strategy to sustain and quicken this decline toward more acceptable numbers.



- Enrollment in the Westerville Virtual Academy (WVA) was originally set to close today, but that deadline has been extended until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31.
  - Families considering or already enrolled in the WVA are committed to remaining in that program for at least the first semester.
    - Students not enrolled in the WVA will start in a 100% virtual model, but may move to a blended model of in-person instruction and virtual learning sometime during the semester, should conditions allow.
  - Families that previously enrolled their student(s) in the WVA will also have the ability to disenroll them until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31, by following the detailed instructions they will soon receive via email.
    - If a family already enrolled in the WVA now opts to disenroll, the opportunity to re-enroll in WVA would not occur until the second semester.



- Beginning tomorrow (July 30), our high school and middle school athletics, marching band, and other student activities are scaling back to Phase 1 standards.
  - Participants will work in groups of 10 or fewer and only for skills training and conditioning.
  - Programs will be required to train outdoors with no access to gyms or weight rooms, with the only exception being Girls Volleyball.
  - Participation in any fall athletic competitions will be delayed until conditions improve.



- By joining other central Ohio school districts in the move to a 100% virtual instruction model to open the year, school officials' hope is that conditions will continue to improve so we can soon offer a blended learning environment and eventually return to a traditional school experience for students.
  - Families will receive ample notice if and when these opportunities become possible.

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