August 5, 2021

Dear Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Families,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families enjoying a safe and healthy summer. With a little more than a month before the start of the 2021-22 school year, we are excited to welcome all of our WBSD students into safe and healthy learning environments. As indicated in previous communications, we have been hard at work planning for full-time, in-person instruction and learning for our WBSD students and staff.

At this time, given information currently available from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as we return to full-time, in-person learning this fall, you can expect the following:

- **Consistent with MDHHS and CDC recommendations, we encourage, but will not be requiring, the wearing of face masks while indoors for students and staff.** As was the case last school year, disposable masks will be available for all that choose to use them. In support of a culture that is safe and inclusive for all, we want to be mindful of, and respect, individual choices with respect to mask wearing decisions.

- **For families that utilize WBSD Transportation Services, the use of facemasks will be required for students and staff.** This too is consistent with CDC requirements for public transportation, which includes school buses. Disposable masks will be available for all that choose to ride our school buses.

- **We will continue to implement our enhanced cleaning protocols, provide personal protective equipment, practice appropriate social distancing, and encourage daily health screenings and best hygiene practices.** The WBSD will continue to work closely with the Wayne County Health Department, local health officials, and our school nurse in determining the best safety protocols for our school district.

- **All athletic and extracurricular programs** will continue to follow MHSAA guidelines. At this time, facemasks are not required indoors/outdoors and there are no testing requirements.

If we have learned anything over the past 18 months, it is that recommendations and requirements are fluid and subject to change. For the most part, we will treat recommendations as just that, recommendations, and we will stringently follow all requirements and mandates.
Virtual Learning Option
While we are planning for a primary return to full-time, in-person teaching and learning, the WBSD will offer virtual, online learning for families seeking that option. Please note that our virtual learning model will be different than it was in the 2020-21 school year. For the 2021-22 school year, we are collaborating with Edgenuity, a well-established and effective provider of virtual learning programs, monitored by a WBSD teacher mentor. More information on Edgenuity can be found at www.edgenuity.com, and at our www.mywbsd.org website. If you would like more information on enrolling your child in WBSD’s virtual learning option, please complete the following form, WBSD Virtual Learning Option | 2021-22 (also available at www.mywbsd.org).

We are very much looking forward to the start of the 2021-22 school year! In the coming weeks, we will continue to communicate important information with you as we approach the first day of school, September 7, 2021 (including information on the new WBSD 1-1 Technology Initiative for all students). Thank you for your continued support and trust in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District; please know we will be RELENTLESS in providing our students and staff with the best educational experience possible.

Sincerely,

Mark Greathead
Superintendent
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District