



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware families,

Good day! We are excited for the start of the 2021/22 school year tomorrow, August 26, 2021, with the first day for grades 1-12. This year all students will attend school full-time in-person, five days a week. This will be the first time since March 2020 that the entire student body will be together for in-person learning!

With Commissioner Jeff Riley's announcement of a face mask mandate, we will pick up where we left off from last year with our mitigation strategies to assist us in our battle against the virus. Seating plans for lunchrooms will continue to have students all facing in the same direction with social distancing when possible.

Last year we were able to keep our schools open for most of the year in hybrid and in-person models other than a 7-day closure at the JSHS due to a small COVID outbreak. My goal for the 2021/22 school year is to have an uninterrupted year as we work to keep everyone healthy and attending school. With the loss of learning over the past 18 months, it is imperative that this year students have a full year of in-person learning.

Pooled testing was helpful to us last year and during summer school in monitoring any spread. We will continue with it this school year for those who would like their students tested on a weekly basis. Information will be sent home soon, along with how to sign up.

Thank you for your support and help in providing our children a safe and secure environment as they attend school during a health care crisis. Together we will get through this!

Wishing everyone a successful school year,

Dr. Marlene A. DiLeo
Superintendent