

WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Good afternoon! Hope this week's communication finds you well! As we continue to battle the pandemic and work for an uninterrupted school year, we continue to feel the effects of this public health crisis in several different ways that one would imagine. A few of our challenges include:

- Finding substitute teachers
- Shortages of food and packaging materials for breakfast and lunch
- Lack of bus drives for our extra-curricular activities

The impact of this public health crisis is felt daily. The benefits to having a healthy community is that people feel safe to go out to work without fear of getting ill. These issues not only have an impact on our students it also has an impact on the health and financial well-being of our community-at-large.

To assure we are doing everything we can to keep students, teachers, and staff healthy we are implementing our mitigation strategies to work to that end. To help with providing access to COVID and flu shots for those individuals interested in another layer of protection the WOW Bus will be on campus this evening, Friday, October 15th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. during the Ware vs. Mahar football game. The health professionals are also here to answer any questions you may have regarding your well-being, so please take advantage of this opportunity.

If you haven't done so already, please sign-up your child/ren for our Safety Check Testing as you can register with this link, www.cic-health.com/consent/ma. The more strategies we have in prevention, the greater success we will have at keeping students, teachers, and staff healthy and in school. If you are registered it will allow your child/ren to take part in the Test and Stay option if they are ever exposed to a close contact to someone in school.

As we work to manage the effects of this pandemic, our first and foremost goal is to keep everyone safe as we adjust our days to achieve our goal of an uninterrupted year. I want to thank everyone for their continued support and patience as we work our way through this school year. Remember, these are unprecedented times that we are living through as it may take us awhile to truly get back to normal.

Stay well,

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