



Central High School - District of Westosha

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Dear Parents/Guardians;

I want to continue to update you on our plans to address the significant concerns that families have related to coronavirus and its widening impact in Wisconsin. Our Leadership Team continues to collaborate about ideas, protocols, and procedures regarding the nationwide outbreak and our priorities to keep our staff and students safe. I have extended these conversations with neighboring school districts from Walworth County and all of Kenosha County. Additionally, we are in communication with the Kenosha County Health Department to monitor this situation and share information in a proactive fashion to enhance preparedness.

Within our building, we clean nightly and are working with our custodial staff to employ additional steps as needed to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. Additionally, Taher Foods has reviewed and increased safety procedures to promote a healthy food service program for our students and staff.

Our Leadership Team continues to plan for procedures in the event that the school district is faced with an extended closure. Our focus remains on student learning and safety; if the district is forced to close, we will institute virtual learning days. Our team is finalizing expectations for staff and students. These protocols will be shared with families and students if school will be closed for an extended period of time. Closing schools is a decision that will not be taken lightly, and will be a last resort, as it causes significant disruption for our families, staff, and students. Our plan, and goal, is to remain open as long as possible while balancing the health needs of all.

Finally, a reminder that the CDC recommends "everyday preventative actions" to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

I want to remind everyone that making our schools a healthy and safe environment is our number one priority. I also want to thank our staff for their continued professionalism and dedication to serving and protecting our students, families, and fellow colleagues. Central High School has a dedicated and amazing staff. If school needs to be closed, I have the highest confidence in our staff and know that they will provide meaningful learning experiences for all students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our high school principal, Dale Van Keuren, at 262-843-2321, extension 309, or vankeurend@westosha.k12.wi.us or contact me at 262-843-2321, extension 222 or gendronj@westosha.k12.wi.us.

Your student's safety remains our highest priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gendron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Gendron
District Administrator