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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the beginning of the school year is quickly approaching, we wanted to update you on few important dates and reminders. Our building administrators have been working diligently in an effort to create class schedules based on the educational options chosen by our families. The traditional "summer mailings" will be mailed on Wednesday, August 26th. These mailings will include information regarding your child's teacher(s), transportation, free/reduced lunch information, immunizations, and quick reference guide for parents to assess their children each morning prior to sending them to school.

On Friday, September 4th, **only** students who have chosen Wallenpaupack LIVE (Learning In a Virtual Environment) will pick up their school-issued iPads. All iPad distribution for the North Schools (North Primary, North Intermediate, Middle School and High School) will take place at the Middle and North Intermediate Schools. iPad pickup for South Elementary students will take place at the South Elementary School. More information will follow regarding specific times and pick up locations. Students who received a school-issued iPad last year (most High School students), will not need to attend the iPad pick up day.

On Monday, August 17, 2020 all school districts in Pennsylvania were made aware of the updated universal face covering order, which was signed by the Secretary of the Department of Health. Schools may allow students to remove face coverings (masks and/or shields) when students are:

- Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or
- At least 6 feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.

It is important to remember that complying with this order is not an option, for the school or the students. Unwillingness to wear a mask is not an allowable exception. Students who are unwilling to wear masks, and follow the face covering order should plan on learning in our Wallenpaupack LIVE program. If a student has a documented medical condition that would exempt them from wearing a mask, please contact your building-level administrator immediately. Preventative measures must be in place to accommodate these students prior to the first day of school.

The Wallenpaupack Area School District is committed to providing the best possible education for your children during these difficult times. District administrators are creating ways to increase the number of "face-covering breaks" students may have throughout the day, along with moving some classes outside to allow students to remove their masks when social distanced appropriately.

Although it has been stated many times and is best evidenced by this recent change in the face covering order, the reopening of schools remains a fluid situation, which may change quickly to address the fluctuating conditions in our school and community. Once again, thank you for your patience.