August 26, 2021

Dear Parents,

After considering feedback from our school community, further discussion with our administration and faculty, and much thoughtful consideration, the Wallenpaupack Area School District is making plans to provide an adapted K-8 Open House experience for groups of students who will transition to a new building this year. These groups include:

- Kindergarten – South Elementary School
- Kindergarten – North Primary School
- Grade 3 – North Intermediate School
- Grade 6 – Middle School

Additionally, any student who is newly enrolled in any of the buildings listed above will also be included in these plans for an adapted K-8 Open House.

We believe it is possible to hold a safe in-person K-8 Open House for transitioning students that allows most of these students to see their classrooms and building prior to the first day of school. School personnel and administrators will be available to assist families. However, please note, there will be no group presentations by teachers or administration at these offerings.

Our buildings will be open within the following time frames to acclimate transitioning students to their new settings. If you’re not able to meet during the designated times, and would like a tour of the building, please contact the main office of your child’s school.

- South Elementary – Kindergarten and new enrollments ONLY- Friday, September 3 from 9-10:30 a.m.
- North Primary – Kindergarten and new enrollments ONLY – Wednesday, September 1 from 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- North Intermediate – Grade 3 and new enrollments ONLY – Wednesday, September 1 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.
- Middle School – Grade 6 and new enrollments ONLY – Thursday, September 2 from 5-6:30 p.m.
To hold a safe K-8 Open House for all transitioning students and their families, we ask parents/guardians and children in attendance to:

- Attend Open House in masks.
- Avoid large congregations of people in one setting.
- Spend a few minutes visiting your child’s classroom and move on to another classroom.
- Expect to receive any pertinent preparatory classroom information in paper format from teachers.
- Consider limiting the number of family members in attendance.

As parents and students make their way through buildings, if it seems many are waiting to see the same classroom, visitors are encouraged to move on to another classroom and return later. Families who need a more formal meeting to share child specific information related to a student are encouraged to reach out to specific teachers via email to schedule a more formal dialogue in the days to come. Also, as the start of school approaches, back-to-school videos will be posted to each building’s website prior to the opening of school and will include details related to arrival, dismissal, and other important building information.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Gunuskey, Superintendent