

WEST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian:

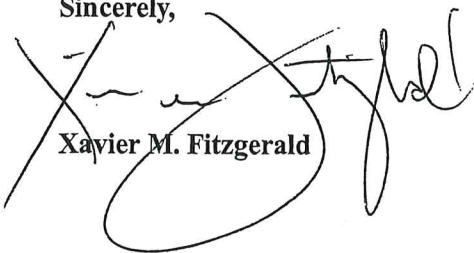
We hope this correspondence finds you and your families well. The Edison Middle School Administration and staff continues to prepare for our pivot to in person hybrid learning which begins on Monday February 8th. Over the next few weeks there will be various correspondence sent to parents and guardians in preparation for our students return. Please review the information provided and contact the school with any questions you may have.

During the fall parents completed a District survey outlining a decision for their child to return to in person learning or to continue in a remote fashion. The District will utilize the same parental requests from the November survey for our pivot to in person learning on February 8th. If a parent would like to change their child's status please email Mr. Fitzgerald the school Principal at (xfitzgerald@westorangeschools.org) and Mr. Melendez the school Vice Principal at (smelendez@westorangeschools.org). We will then begin the process of adjusting your child's status accordingly. If your child rides the school bus we ask that you make this request prior to January 22nd so that we can secure transportation for your child. It is important to note that it is our goal to honor the requests to in person learning in a swift manner. However, there is a 30 day time frame that is allotted for requests to be completed. Also, on January 19th our current schedule will increase by nine minutes from 12:40 to 12:49 to accommodate transition time in between classes.

For those students who will be returning to in person learning and riding a school bus our transportation department has imported student bus information into the parent portal program. Parents are asked to check their Parent Portal accounts to access their child's bus information. If a parent does not have access to the Parent Portal program please contact the main office and we will assist you.

On or around January 25th additional correspondence will be sent home regarding cohort information and any follow up information regarding transportation. Our hope is that we can begin the process of returning to in person learning for those families who feel comfortable doing so. We will also continue with our at home remote program for those families who have chosen for their children to remain remote. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school or via email with any questions.

Sincerely,



Xavier M. Fitzgerald

GOOD BETTER BEST NEVER LET IT REST UNTIL YOUR GOOD IS BETTER AND YOUR BETTER IS BEST!