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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear West Orange Public School Community,

I hope this message finds you well and confident that the school year has gotten off to a good start. In our consistent effort to keep you informed, I am providing the following updates and reminders.

Back to School Night:

9/21 All Elementary

9/22 Edison

9/23 BMELC

9/23 RMS & LMS

9/30 WOHS

Specific details are being provided by the building principal for the virtual back to school night. I know our staff are eager to present an outline of the program for parents. I am sure you are excited to meet our outstanding staff and administration.

<u>Vaccine Clinic:</u> The second dose is being administered Tuesday, 9/21 at WOHS. Also, the <u>registration link</u> has been reopened through Sunday, 9/19 until 11:59PM where you may register for a FIRST dose. The District is partnering with the Department of Health in an effort to schedule future clinics. Dates and details are forthcoming. Recent data concerning vaccine rates for those ages 12-17 years old has been shared with the district and as of September 13, 81% had received at least one dose with only 662 total individuals in this age group who are unvaccinated. Staff vaccine rates are being determined and as per the Governor's orders, staff will either be vaccinated or undergo regular testing effective mid-October.

Reminder: Technology Survey: The West Orange Public Schools needs your assistance in completing an important survey (needs assessment) that must be conducted before requesting federal funds to be used for the purchase of technology for students in the West Orange Public Schools. This is funding that is to be used strictly for the purchase of technology for students who currently do not have a device at home for learning outside of school hours. Please click on the following link to access the survey: https://forms.gle/89nCrZFbyy96sLvQ7

<u>Board Of Education Meeting September 20:</u> Please note that the next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, 9/20 with the public session beginning at 7:30PM. The meeting is live and in-person and can also be viewed on the <u>district YouTube channel</u>. The Board invites anyone unable to attend in person to submit questions on both agenda and non-agenda items utilizing the provided Google form which is activated Friday evening and closes at 4pm the day of the meeting. The link below will take you to a landing page at which you may obtain access to the form, as well as the instructions for viewing the live stream option. <u>BOE Meeting Information</u>

Sincerely,

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Superintendent