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Dear Parents and Families,

As we enter the last month of the 2019-2020 school year, I wanted to reach out to not only check on our Waterford families but also to provide information on important year end events and procedures as we close out the school year.

Our administrators and staff have been working hard to plan events that will recognize and celebrate our students while keeping within the guidelines set forth by the Governor, CSDE and other state agencies. We have also been working on processes to close out the school year in a safe and efficient manner (i.e. pick up of personal belongings, medications) and principals will be sharing this information with families in the near future.

End of Year Events

The end of the school year always brings special events and ceremonies to recognize our students' accomplishments throughout the year. This year we look forward to celebrating our students in a different but still memorable way. Our administration and staff have planned events such as elementary field day, 5th and 8th grade recognition events, WHS awards ceremonies as well as the graduation of the Class of 2020 that are certain to make this year memorable for our students. Please note that all events will be held virtually or within the social distancing guidelines set forth by state government and public health conditions. Principals will be sending more detailed information and dates in the near future.

Summer Programming

Summer instructional planning is underway as we just received parameters from the CSDE. As soon as our plans are finalized for summer programming, we will communicate that to you. Per CSDE, summer instruction will not start before July 6, 2020.

Health Assessment and Immunization Reminder

We would like to remind parents/guardians that each student registered in the Waterford Public Schools must undergo a health assessment prior to enrollment in pre-K and kindergarten, in grade six or seven, and in grade nine or ten. In addition, all students must be updated on the required immunizations for their grade level.

If you have not done so already, please be sure to contact your medical provider to obtain an appointment for your child to have the necessary examinations and immunizations for the upcoming school year. Copies of the paperwork may be sent to the attention of the school nurse at your child's school.

For additional questions, contact your child's building principal.

Distance Learning Photos

As we finish out the school year, please continue to send pictures of students in distance learning to your principals. We would like to include these photos in the year end edition of the District Newsletter, *The Connection*, to highlight our amazing students in this remote learning experience.

In closing, I would like to say how proud I am of our students and staff and the way that they have persevered through these challenging and rapidly changing times. This has been a true testament to the strength of our Waterford community and the resilience of our students. I encourage all of our students to finish strong this year and continue to succeed through distance learning. I look forward to honoring our students and celebrating their accomplishments.

I wish everyone good health and safety during this time. Be well.

My best,

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