



# Williamston High School

## In Person Student Support & Hybrid Update

December 8, 2020

Dear WHS families,

I would like to provide you with updates related to the extension of the current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) order as well as the Williamston Community Schools Board of Education meeting held on December 7 and explain how these updates impact WHS. Below, you will find information regarding the transition to our hybrid schedule as well as in person student support. If you have any questions, please contact the WHS main office at 517-655-2142.

### **HYBRID LEARNING PLAN UPDATE**

At the December 7 Board of Education meeting, the Board supported Dr. Spina's (Superintendent) recommendation that WHS set Monday, January 25 (the first day of the second semester) as the next potential start date for implementation of the in person hybrid schedule. The rationale for this recommendation was implementing a tiered move to a hybrid schedule at the secondary level (Williamston Middle School will implement their hybrid schedule upon returning from Winter Break) as well as minimizing disruption to students' academic routines seeing as there are only two weeks between the end of Winter Break and final exams. However, please be aware there are many variables that might postpone WHS's transition to the hybrid schedule, including COVID-19 data, evaluation of the WMS model, and any applicable orders by the state or Board. Additionally, the Ingham County Health Department does not currently recommend high schools are open for in person class instruction, so that recommendation would need to change as well.

As we get closer to the start of the second semester and factors influencing this potential start date becomes more clear, detailed information regarding specific implementation procedures, including which in person group each student has been assigned to (for students returning to in person learning), will be communicated home.

### **IN PERSON STUDENT SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES**

On Monday, December 7, the MDHHS extended their orders for an additional 12 days with the change that high schools can now provide in person academic support to students. Beginning Wednesday, December 9, WHS's in person supports will include:

### **Weekday Computer Lab & Homework Lab Support**

- Computer Lab support is available during both asynchronous and synchronous sessions during the school day for students who need internet/device access. Paraprofessionals will be present to support and supervise students.
- Homework Lab support is available Monday-Friday from 8:00-11:00 AM. Paraprofessionals will be available to help students with academic work. Students can also take hard copy tests during this time.
- Please contact the WHS main office (517-655-2142 to make an appointment for these services.

### **Students Needing Additional Teacher Support**

Students needing teacher assistance are encouraged to advocate for additional support. Support options include:

- Students should attend teacher office hours
  - Office hours will take place Monday-Friday from 2:40-3:10 PM
  - No appointment is needed
  - Office hours can take place virtually or in person. If your students would like to request in person support during office hours, the student should make this request to his/her teacher(s) directly.
- Students may attend teacher scheduled support sessions
  - Students will be able to sign up for 15 minute blocks of time with a teacher. Each teacher will have three spots available per 15 minute block.
  - Sign ups will go live on Monday morning at 6:00 AM each week, and students will be able to make appointments for Tuesday and Thursday of that week only. The following Monday, a new sign up will go live for that week's appointments, etc.
  - Sign up for teacher support sessions can be made at [myconferencetime.com](http://myconferencetime.com) starting the Monday of each week. Sign up will be on a first come, first served basis.
  - Teacher support sessions can take place virtually or in person. If your students would like to request in person support, the student should make this request to his/her teacher(s) directly.

### **Saturday Academic School (SAS) Opportunity**

WHS runs Saturday School academic support sessions for students. This session will be run by WHS paraprofessional staff members. This is open to any student, but we are really encouraging students that are in need of academic or technology support to get caught up to attend. SAS will run from **8:00 AM to Noon in the High School Media Center on Saturday, December 12.**

### **Special Education Support**

Special education students can receive [subject specific in person support/accommodations every morning](#) (special education paraprofessionals will provide this support). Special education

families should also continue to work with their case coordinator to arrange in person teacher support.

**Social/Emotional Supports**

Students can meet with a counselor and/or social worker. To make arrangements for these supports, please contact the counseling office at 517-655-2142 ext 7012.

**Extra-Curricular Update**

Unfortunately, in person extra-curricular opportunities are currently not permitted. However, students will be provided with in person athletic and academic extracurricular opportunities when feasible and permitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven C. Delp".

Steven C. Delp, PhD  
Principal