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Dear WSD Staff & Families,

Welcome back! I hope that you had an opportunity to recharge over the break and you are ready for the year ahead. I am happy to report that the COVID-19 metrics in our area are looking favorable. As of December 30, the Oakland County Health Division reported 37 cases per 10,000 in the Waterford School District community. These statistics are significantly better than the 115 cases per 10,000 in late November.

With the COVID metrics trending in the right direction, WSD will continue to follow the Board-approved Return to Learn Plan. Stepanski (GSRP/WPSEE) students will return to in-person instruction January 11, followed by elementary students January 19, and secondary students will return February 1. Please note that this does not impact students enrolled in the Waterford Virtual Academy, their learning schedule will remain unchanged for the remainder of the school year.

When our students return to in-person instruction, we will continue to practice the safety protocols previously established. Examples of these protocols include students and staff wearing masks at all times (except when eating), maintaining social distancing whenever possible, block schedules in the secondary buildings, hand washing/sanitizing stations, and utilizing plexiglass dividers in the classrooms. For a reminder of the safety measures and protocols set in place, please review the updated [Return to Learn Guidebook](#). There is one important change to note, in December, the CDC reduced the required quarantine time for an individual exposed to a positive case from 14 to 10 days. You will see this change reflected in the [WSD Action Response Plan flowcharts](#).

We are thrilled to have students return to the classroom, and we hope to maintain in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year. Your support in following WSD safety protocols is paramount to our success, and we appreciate your efforts. We will continue to work closely with the Oakland County Health Department and keep you informed of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Lindberg
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COVID-19 Resources:

- [WSD Action Response Plan Flowcharts](#)
- [Return to Learn Parent Guidebook](#)
- [WSD COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [WSD Area COVID-19 Data](#)
- [Oakland County COVID-19 Trends](#)
- [Oakland County Weekly COVID-19 Report](#)
- [State of Michigan COVID-19 Trends](#)