

Time to Celebrate - Let's End Strong

It is something that has been repeated but it still remains so true, this school year has been a year like no other.

As we finish the last few weeks of the school year, let's reflect and celebrate all the good things that have happened during the pandemic. We realize the work at ONE10 has not been perfect but everyone has been committed to giving students their very best. We have a caring and compassionate ONE10 community that has had differences but remained strong throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Things are looking up as we finish the school year and brighter days are ahead. Let the ONE10 positive momentum and wonderful caring teamwork carry us through. Enjoy the year end events in a safe and fun way.

We Are ONE10!!!!

Congratulations to our ONE10 Graduates

Students across ONE10 are reaching milestones. There are students who will be done with ECFE and off to kindergarten next year. We have kids graduating from kindergarten, moving from elementary school to middle school, and students making the jump from middle school to high school. Then, of course, we have our awesome seniors! We are currently planning to have an in person graduation for the seniors and we are hopeful that it will stay that way. They deserve it! We'll share photos of the graduations and celebrations when they happen.

Staff Retirements

This time of year is also bittersweet for ONE10 as we say goodbye to retiring staff. We wish them the best but will surely miss them. Each retiree has contributed so

much to what makes us such a great school district. They all have made a huge impact on many through their career.

Congratulations to the Retiree Class of 2021!!!!

Dave Aeling - Industrial Technology Teacher at WHS

Jodee Bass - Title I Educational Assistant at BV

Michele Felt - Special Education Educational Assistant at WHS

Mark Fredericksen - Principal at WHS

Phyllis Haberman - Receptionist at District Offices

Tracy Hart - Math Teacher at WMS

Bob Klitzke - Business Education Teacher at WMS

Marianne Nelson - Special Education Educational Assistant at WMS

Denise Storms - Custodian at Waconia High School

Cynthia Van Kirk - Licensed School Nurse at WHS

Kristie Niebeling - ECFE Teacher

COVID-19 Information

As we start to emerge to see the light at the end of the tunnel, please continue doing your part to get us through this pandemic by being responsible and following protocols. Throughout the pandemic, we continue to monitor our [Determining Factors](#) to guide us in the decision-making process. Our best chance of getting back to normal is to have as many people vaccinated as possible and now it is open to 12 year olds and older (This will really help us to offer a more normal school year next year).

According to Governor Walz's announcement, Minnesota leads the nation with 90% of those eligible to be vaccinated either wanting to get vaccinated or have already done so. The faster that Minnesota residents get vaccinated, the faster that COVID restrictions and mandates will go away. This is exciting. We are hopeful

this will lead to our schools getting back to a normal setting. Back to an environment where all students are thriving.

Our own student surveys show that over 80% of students 16 years of age and older plan to get vaccinated and now 12 year old plus are eligible. This percentage will help us get to normalcy. Reminder, if you are two weeks beyond full vaccination, you do not need to quarantine. Please help where you can to help all students stay in school and be mask free in the future.

The following is the information that the MDE sent out in response to the Governor's announcements over the past two weeks.

MDE Commissioner Heather Mueller What This Means for Schools

CDC Announces No Masks for Fully Vaccinated

Thursday, May 13th, Governor Walz announced an end to the statewide mask requirement. This announcement follows [new guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stating that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a mask. Executive Order 21-23 will be effective immediately upon approval by the Minnesota Executive Council. Minnesotans who are not fully vaccinated are strongly recommended to wear face coverings indoors.

The CDC has not yet provided clear guidance for school settings, but has stated that they expect to update guidance for children in school and summer camps soon. Additionally, our youngest Minnesotans remain ineligible for vaccines and eligibility for 12- to 15-year-olds was just announced this week. As a result, Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan, along with the existing face covering guidance for schools and child care settings, remain in effect. Through the end of the 2020-21 school year (last teacher contact day), masks must continue to be worn by everyone inside school buildings or on a school bus.

As previously announced, proms, graduations and other end-of-year celebrations should continue to follow the [Stay Safe - Entertainment Venue guidance](#). This guidance will continue to be updated.

We are making great progress in our fight against COVID-19, but our school-age children have been significantly impacted by the virus in recent months, so we must continue to be diligent with health and safety practices through the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Safe Learning Plan

The Safe Learning Plan—including Executive Orders 20-19, 20-82, 20-94 and 20-95—will continue to be in full effect for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. This means you should continue following the Safe Learning Plan until whenever the last teacher contact day is for your individual school district or charter school.

Summer Programming

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has released updated [guidance for all organizations](#) which outlines social distancing, quarantine, contact tracing, hygiene, masking and other requirements. This guidance will continue to be updated as we move through the steps outlined above. Schools should refer to this guidance as they plan and implement summer programs following the end of the school year. Additional health and safety recommendations for summer programming will be provided to schools in the coming weeks.

Middle and high schools will continue to be able to offer COVID-19 testing for students through the state program throughout the summer.

Face Covering Requirements

Beginning May 7, masks will no longer be required outdoors for venues under 500 people – including during recess. Face coverings will continue to be required indoors until the statewide requirement is lifted.

Looking Ahead

We are continuing to partner with MDH to plan for next fall. We remain hopeful that we won't need to have a Safe Learning Plan for the 2021-22 school year. MDE and MDH will continue to provide guidance and recommendations for schools to ensure learning can safely continue. We will provide more information in the coming weeks.

Thank you, again, for your partnership throughout this school year.

Heather Mueller, Ed.D.

Commissioner of Education

National School Nurse Day

This week we had the opportunity to celebrate our School Health Service employees. If there ever was a group to be recognized, it's ONE10's nursing staff! National School Nurse Day was Wednesday, May 12. Our health services staff has stood tall throughout this year as they faced some tough COVID challenges. We are grateful for all their outstanding work and heavy lifting that they do day-in and day-out. Our ONE10 health services staff have worked under incredibly stressful circumstances and have done so with professionalism and grace. It's not too late to celebrate our ONE10 Health Services Staff....reach out with gratitude as you would like.

SWMetro Intermediate School Online Academy Enterprise

Families with students who want to remain distance learning in the 2021-2022 school year will have an awesome option to stay in ONE10. Design teams from ONE10 and SWMetro are creating a K-12 online school. We fully anticipate having a catalog of options for parents to check out by July. We will be sending out an interest survey soon, to give us an estimate of how many students will want distance learning/online learning next year. Having early data will help us

determine staffing needs. Giving this online option will allow everyone in the ONE10 school district to remain a Wildcat! Go Cats!

Tiered Bussing at ONE10 Fall of 2021

Due to changes needed during this pandemic, we discovered that tiered bussing does and can work at ONE10. Tiered bussing has multiple benefits, one of the biggest ones being, elementary and secondary students are kept on separate busses. We are working with Koch Bus Company on logistics and plan to offer this in the fall. Exact timing is being finalized but we know that elementary students will start and end their day a little earlier and secondary students will start and end their day a little later. The beauty of all this is it can be done in a cost neutral model. We are excited to bring this opportunity to ONE10 as modified start times and tiered bussing are shown to be a better learning model for all age groups. Detailed information will be shared this summer.

Preliminary Budget Work

The finance office has started to prepare the preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year which starts on July 1. We are working with the school board as there are lots of moving parts. A prelim budget is built on educated assumption with a contingency of about 1% for out of our control unknowns. One of the biggest unknowns at this point is what the state legislature will decide to do for schools. There are several other factors but, the first look appears to show ISD 110 in a very strong operating financial position, thanks to our voters passing the Operating Levy last fall. Our budget is looking quite healthy and we should be able to buy down our Statutory Operating Debt (SOD) by at least \$1.5 million. This is great news for ONE10 as many districts across the state are facing budget shortfalls due to COVID. A big thanks to ONE10 administration, teachers, staff for holding the line and hats off to the community for supporting our schools! The ONE10 Admin Team and School Board will create the prelim budget to be recommended in June.

Random Act of Kindness Day May 13th

Each year at ONE10 we have designated May 13 as a Random Act of Kindness Day. I have been doing this ever since my sister, Ann Devine, passed away years ago. This idea has taken off in our ONE10 community. Ann had Down Syndrome and was the brightest light in the family. Every part of her was kind, bringing joy and love to everyone she met. In a year like we all are going through, we need to show love and grace to each other more than ever. If you want others to know how you brought joy to someone, tell us about it, share a photo or video: ONE10Proud@isd110.org

Year End Survey to be Sent to Parents, Students and Staff

The end of the school year Reflective Survey will be sent to parents, students and staff in the next two weeks. We look forward to reviewing feedback and using it to make improvements to ONE10. We are thankful in advance for the feedback we will receive.

Thanks for the Incredible Partnership for our ONE10 Kids!!

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