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Dear Parents and Guardians:

With a solid 6 weeks of school now complete, we continue to feel good about our overall approach. I fully realize that for most of us, having all students in school 5 days per week would be the most ideal situation; however, based on recent COVID-19 numbers locally and in our schools, we will need to maintain the "A/B" cohort scheduling for WRAMS and LHS into the foreseeable future. Please remember that this approach is entirely due to keeping "close contacts" as low as possible; the fewer people in quarantine, the greater our ability to continue to provide at least some form of in-person instruction.

To provide parents and community members a better understanding of the "current state of affairs" regarding active and cumulative cases of COVID-19 in our schools, we have developed a "COVID-19 Dashboard." This dashboard will be kept as up to date as possible until the pandemic is over. Parents can access the dashboard directly by clicking [HERE](#) or by visiting our website ([wrps.org](http://wrps.org)) and clicking on the "COVID-19 Dashboard" link in the top left corner under "Quick Links." We will do our best to ensure that the dashboard is updated regularly; however, please be aware that updates will not occur instantaneously. Numbers of "active" cases change frequently as we are made aware of new positive cases, and older cases become inactive.

Secondly, through a partnership with Wood County Public Health, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Marshfield Clinic Health System, the District will be able to offer limited COVID-19 tests for students. **Please note: students will NOT be tested without first receiving consent from a parent or guardian.** The test kits we will be receiving are a fairly simple "nasal swab," and NOT the tests many of you may have seen through various media outlets in which a very long swab is taken deep into and to the back of the nasal cavity/ sinuses. The tests we will be administering are simply a swab up/in the nose a bit. If a student is sent to the nurse with symptoms, the nurse will contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) and, if we have test kits available, will ask whether or not you would like our staff to administer the test. *Parents and guardians will also be able to be present for the test if they so choose.* All staff performing these tests have been trained by a medical professional.

**Again, students will NOT be tested without parent or guardian permission.**

Thank you for your continued patience and diligence in staying home when sick, maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask, and washing/ sanitizing hands frequently.

Please feel free to contact me at 715-424-6701 or by email at [craig.broeren@wrps.net](mailto:craig.broeren@wrps.net) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Broeren', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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