



July 1, 2020

Dear West York Families:

We hope you are enjoying your summer! We wanted to make you aware that the West York Board of Directors voted to [change the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year](#) at their meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020. The District has been assessing the needs of staff and students as we make plans to safely return to school in the fall. We recognized a need for additional training and professional development for our faculty and staff prior to bringing students into our buildings. Therefore, we allocated the full week of August 17th to professional development. This time will focus on implementing our safety plans and protocols with our faculty and staff, as well as training on meeting the social emotional needs of our students prior to welcoming them back into our buildings.

We also recognized a need for a transition day for all students changing buildings since they were not able to participate in the regular transition activities that occur in the spring of each year. August 24th has been designated as a first day for all transition grades: K, 2, 4, 6, and 9. All students will then attend on August 25th.

The calendar changes are as follows:

- August 17th - 21st: Faculty and staff professional development
- August 24th: **ONLY** students entering K, 2, 4, 6, and 9 attend
- August 25th: All students, K - 12, attend

We will be relying on the support of parents and guardians during this season of change, and appreciate your input and insights as we all navigate through these unprecedented times. We are confident that our schools and community, working as a team with students' best interest and safety at heart, will be successful in the 2020-21 school year.

With Bulldog pride,

Erin Holman

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