

WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex Families,

Planning for the highest quality educational experience and supporting our students in maximizing their learning potential will remain a top priority. Our ultimate goal is for students to be in school as much as possible; however, ensuring the wellbeing of our school community remains of paramount importance.

Based on recent survey data, input from our reopening committees, and qualitative feedback regarding our afternoon tutorial sessions, we have adjusted the [WERSD Daily Calendar and Bell Schedules](#) beginning on **Monday, November 30** (after Thanksgiving). These changes provide our students with added instructional time and greater continuity among schedules. The revised full day bell schedule now includes an afternoon class that will meet remotely. Please see the key points below:

- Full day of daily instruction within the rotating drop schedule including increased time from 41 to 50 minutes per class.
- Block 6 will now occur remotely after lunch and students are required to log in at 1:45 pm (12:17 pm dismissal still applies for all in-person cohorts).
- Lunch is increased to 88 minutes.
- Extra help is available from 2:35 - 3:00 pm.
- The "All Classes Meet" schedule will remain the same (no in-person learning).

As we progress through the upcoming weeks, we will keep evaluating our programs, including our phasing timelines, and will continue to work collaboratively with our stakeholders.

Again, thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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