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Brad Berens, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear West Central Parent(s):

This letter is to inform you that beginning Monday, November 16, students and staff grades 9-12 will move to virtual learning. Grades 9-12 will stay in virtual learning through Thanksgiving. At this time, the plan is that students and staff will return to in-person learning on Monday, November 30.

Here is the West Central Temporary Virtual Learning plan that was recently established to guide virtual learning practices. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YW2PF5J2IPJDeIrbVBWy9fkUrZby4Hp-QuvZWbSMYF_w/edit?usp=sharing

Over the past few weeks, West Central has experienced a severe shortage of substitutes across the district for teachers and education assistants. In addition, more and more high school students have been absent for covid-related reasons. The combination of these circumstances has prompted the decision to implement the Temporary Virtual Learning Plan in grades 9-12.

During the virtual learning days, our top priority is to continue effective learning opportunities for our students. High school staff will communicate with all students daily. Please refer to the Temporary Virtual Learning Plan for further details regarding roles and expectations for students and parents during this temporary learning experience. Participating in instructional activities and completion of assignments is required.

We will be serving **FREE** grab and go meals to high school students for the school week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additional information and the student lunch sign up can be found at the "Lunch Request" button on the West Central website. We are ready to serve **ALL** students meals and encourage all families to participate.

As always, any of the above conditions are subject to change should the situation change. Thank you for your continued support and flexibility in these unprecedented times.

High school parents: We ask that you continue to communicate COVID-19 related illness (positive or close contact) to Jody in the high school office. This is critical for student eligibility in High School activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad Berens".

Brad Berens