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"Success Starts Here"

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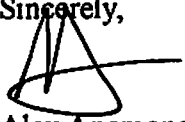
Dear WMTPS Community,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope this letter finds you all enjoying the summer sun with families, friends, and loved ones. The new school year begins for students on **Tuesday, September 6**. I would like to use this opportunity to provide some general updates prior to Labor Day.

- The portal will open this year on **Friday, August 19 @ 3:00 p.m.**. To “unlock” the portal, families will have to fill out a few mandatory forms. Once these forms (Acceptable Use Policy, School Lunch Application, etc.) are completed, families will have full access to the portal for the balance of the school year.
- We are proud to unveil a new, more user-friendly district website for all stakeholders. Though the general layout has been altered, the domain name is unchanged (wmtps.org). We will continue to update the website throughout the school year.
- Our phone system has undergone a complete renovation switching to a cloud-based solution. This new system leverages the District’s investment in its network infrastructure to expand services while reducing costs. A phone has been placed in every classroom which will allow for improved student safety and overall better communication.
- In a partnership with West Milford Township and the West Milford Police Department, this year we will have a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) stationed in our district. The SRO will be able to serve the needs of our students and staff in all buildings.
- Throughout the course of the school year, we will be conducting a re-registration of all students, on a grade by grade basis. Families will be asked to fill out a document providing their home address and proof of residency. The entire process should take no more than five minutes per child. Additional information will be sent home with directions and links.
- As part of a multi-year initiative, asbestos abatement projects at Apsawa and Macopin have been completed.
- The gravel parking lot adjacent to Macopin School and McCormack Field was paved and will provide additional parking spaces for events.
- In coordination with our food services company, Pomptonian, we will be offering students with food allergies the opportunity to pre-order their meals. Please be on the lookout for additional information.
- The District Restructuring Committee continued its work during the summer months. Meeting agendas, minutes, and ancillary documents are posted on the district’s homepage.
- Lastly, best wishes to our student-athletes and Marching Band as their begin their fall seasons shortly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alex Anemone', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Alex Anemone, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools