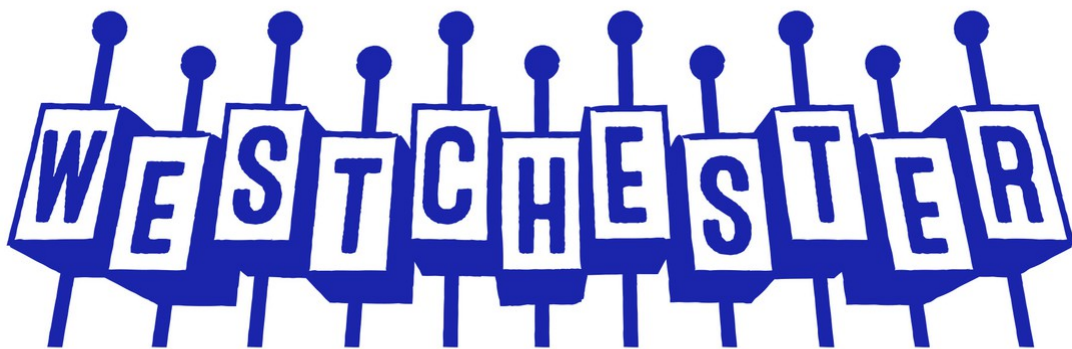


Message from Dr. Watson

October 14, 2020



Greetings WE Families,

I'm sure you have already received the [news](#) that most students and staff will not return to in-person learning until January. The majority of our students will continue to learn in a virtual setting. While I look forward to the day that Westchester students resume learning in-person, the safety of our students and staff remains the top priority. Therefore, we will work hard to continue to provide an engaging and rigorous virtual learning experience for our scholars. I am beyond proud of the quality of instruction our Westchester crew is providing virtually.



I want you to know that we have been working very hard to prepare students for a safe return to the building. Now, we have an opportunity to take our planning and preparation to a different level over the upcoming months. To date, we have rearranged furniture, installed protective plexiglass shields, upgraded sinks for hand-washing, installed hand sanitizer stations throughout the building, posted signage throughout the building, modified the HVAC filtration system, and more. In consultation with City Schools of Decatur's district leadership, the Westchester Crew, and our Covid Readiness Team, I am confident that our plan for reopening will be refined to an even better document that will contribute to wellness and safety at Westchester when additional students and staff members return.

As always, I am committed to communicating with you all as soon as possible so that you are well-informed. You are my partners in education and I am here for you. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Confucius said, "Wherever you go, go with all your heart." I transitioned to Georgia to serve as the principal of Westchester. I am serving this school and the community with my whole heart. We're in this together and we will get through this together.

Kindly,

Kimberly Watson, PhD
Principal
Westchester Elementary School

