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Dear Preschool Families,

The West Bloomfield School District will remain in the complete remote instruction model for all students, including preschool, now through January 15, 2021. During this period of time, our buildings will be closed. We are closed due to the significant increase in positivity rate and prevalence of COVID-19 in Oakland County (Risk Level "E" - Highest Risk category) and the presence of active COVID-19 cases in our schools.

During this time of remote learning, our goal is that our virtual preschool is high quality and meets the needs of our preschool students and families. We want to make sure that we continue to provide instruction and that students are able to see their teachers and friends. Our teachers are working hard to continue to build relationships, work on learning goals we have established, and support our families virtually. Please read an email from a preschool parent on her experience with our virtual preschool.

*"I wanted to say thank you. Thank you so much for all you are doing for our daughter, Grace. She looks forward to her zoom preschool classes and is getting so much more out of remote learning than we imagined. We were hesitant to commit, but knowing you would be her teacher made us decide to give it a try. We're so glad that she can still be a part of something and feel like she belongs. She enjoys participating in your classes and I know that seeing that her friends are also doing school online makes her feel better. While we would obviously prefer in person learning, her zoom preschool classes give us good structure for our Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as well as a consistent time that we all know is meant for school-type activities.*

*I hope we get to a point very soon where you and all the kids will be able to get back in the classroom safely. For now, thank you again for all you are doing to help our daughter continue to learn and grow at home."*

We will continue with our virtual preschool that includes both live instruction and independent learning activities. Teachers will be in contact with you about providing more virtual materials. The cost is \$20 a day instead of the regular daily rate. Families will be credited for any payments made for the month of Dec. If you have questions about billing please contact Collette Goestenkers at [collette.goestenkers@wbsd.org](mailto:collette.goestenkers@wbsd.org)

We want you to know that we all miss your children very much. The safety of our children, staff and families is always our number one priority; so, for this temporary time, we will continue remote instruction. We appreciate your support, understanding, and patience.

Warm wishes,

Laura Poxon and Kathi Luthe

