

West Rusk County Consolidated Independent School District

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Dear West Rusk CCISD Parents, Guardians and Students:

In August when West Rusk CCISD opened for the 2020-2021 school year, we offered two options for instruction to our students due to the unknown factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time 10% of our students and families chose the Home/Remote Learning option. After eight weeks of school only 5% of our students are choosing this option.

After reviewing all of our data, the West Rusk CCISD Board of Trustees, administrators and staff feel that it is time to bring back all of our At-Home learners. We are making this decision based upon minimal virus spread at our campuses and the fact that we believe that in-person learning will ensure that all of our students are learning at an acceptable level. Additionally, we have found the dual-instruction requirements being placed on our teaching staff is not sustainable and actually reduces the time our teachers are afforded to instruct the majority of the student who are participating in face-to-face instruction. Effective immediately, West Rusk CCISD is requesting that all students return to school as soon as possible, or at the latest by Tuesday, November 17th, 2020. It is important to note that if your child is not learning at an acceptable level that waiting until November 17th could make it even more difficult for them to be successful.

West Rusk CCISD is committed to the success of our students. While we want all of our At-Home learners to return to campus, listed below are options for parents/guardians to consider if you do not feel that returning to in-person learning is in your family's best interest:

1. Request transfer to a district that will accept your student as a remote learner
2. Withdraw to homeschool
3. Enroll in an online K-12 school

West Rusk CCISD will enforce Texas Compulsory Education Laws. Students who do not return to school by Tuesday, November 17th, will be considered truant.

At-Home learning option will remain in place only for students who have a medical attestation from a M.D. or D.O., are lab confirmed COVID-19 positive, or have to be quarantined due to prolonged exposure to COVID-19.

Thank you for your help and continued support during this time. We look forward to seeing all of our West Rusk Raiders back in the classroom.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Coleman

West Rusk CCISD Superintendent of Schools

