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## WALLENPAUPACK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Wallenpaupack Area School District has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) to our students for the 2020-2021 School Year. FIDs may be used in place of a school day that would be canceled because of inclement weather or an emergency. FIDs will allow our students to complete learning activities and assignments provided by their teachers at home and receive credit for attending a full day of school. Therefore, the District would not have to schedule a make-up day when a FID day is used. The District can use up to five (5) FIDs per school year.

Students and parents/guardians will be informed of a FID through the District's notification systems in the same way that school closings and delays are currently announced. Notifications will be distributed via robo call, text message, posted on the District's website ([Wallenpaupack.org](http://Wallenpaupack.org)) and social media sites, and through the normal media outlets (TV and radio). A FID will occur **after** the District has used the six (6) snow days built into this year's school calendar.

The Wallenpaupack Area School District's investment in technology, providing iPads and community hot-spots (attached) for all students K-12 has given all students the opportunity to complete school assignments at home. Without the iPads and community hot-spots, FIDs would not be possible. Student attendance will be determined by verification and completion of the FID lesson and/or assignment. All school activities are cancelled, and students should not report to school on a FID.

Student expectations for FID's include logging in to their homeroom and accessing lessons (live or recorded) throughout the day during their normal class time and completing and submitting assignments. Students/families who are unable to access the internet from home may contact the school office or their teachers. The teacher may provide students with an offline version of the learning activities and assignments prior to the FID. In addition, the student can obtain the assignment in a hard copy version during the next regular school day. All assignments and lessons will be posted to Schoology. Students will have five (5) school days, once school resumes, to complete their learning activities.

All teachers and professional staff members will be available via email during a FID. This includes special area teachers such as music, art, library, physical education, learning support, teachers in specialized programs, reading specialists, school counselors, nurses, social workers, speech therapists, interventionists, and principals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith E. Gunuskey", written over a white background.

Keith E. Gunuskey, Assistant Superintendent