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"Success Starts Here"

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Dear WMTPS Community,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. Our staff is ready and eager to welcome our students back to school, virtually on September 3 and in person on October 1. Below are some highlights to for the new school year.

- For the first time in its history, Macopin will offer geometry to 8th grade students. This cohort will be able to enroll in algebra II as freshman and complete the calculus cycle (calculus B/C) as seniors. For students interested in applying at universities considered "highly selective", this is a huge advantage.
- Also noteworthy at Macopin will be the first pre-algebra-6 section in district history. This curricular adjustment was made possible by the moving of our 6th grade students out of the elementary schools and into Macopin Middle School. This cohort of students will be eligible to complete algebra in grade 7 and geometry in grade 8.
- In science, our transition to a new and more rigorous course sequence is fully complete. This September, all freshman at WMHS will be enrolled in biology. As a result of finishing their biology requirement as freshman, our students will be able to complete chemistry as sophomores and physics as juniors, prior to the start of the college application process. Additionally, this frees up our students to take one or more science electives in their senior year.
- Students in grades 5 - 12 will participate in our first ever "1 to 1 Chromebook Initiative".
- In an effort to strengthen the home-school connection, we have started a Parent Help Desk. This can be found on the district website. Parents needing assistance can fill out a basic Google Form and their concern will be attended to by district personnel. The entire process is designed to take no more than three minutes.

Best,

Alex Anemone, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools