

# WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Office of Special Services

August 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students with Special Needs:

Dr. Anemone, Superintendent of Schools, sent out an updated Return to School Plan for September, 2020. In the revised plan, the Board made every effort to accommodate the community's desire for additional in-person instruction. Your voice as special education parents and your desire for in-person instruction and direct student contact time was heard at our last Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) meeting and your concerns were shared.

***A brief review of the changes as of August 11, 2020.*** For the full plan, please visit our school website.

[www.wmtps.org](http://www.wmtps.org)

- All elementary students in resource programs and/or specialized programs will now attend 5 days per week, in person on an early dismissal schedule.
- All Macopin and High School students in specialized programs (self-contained programs) will now attend 5 days per week, in person on an early dismissal schedule.
- Macopin and High School resource center students will follow the A Day or B Day schedule for in-person instruction. Students will receive an additional in-person day every other week.
- Related services will be conducted in person, to the maximum extent possible. If you would like to request a telepractice therapy service instead, please reach out to Dr. McQuaid with your request. In September, when our therapists return, you will be contacted if the schedule does not allow for an in-person session so we can work this out with you.

Elementary School Programs	Plan for September- December 2020 ( <b>REVISED</b> )	
	In Person Days	Virtual/Remote Learning
Preschool AM Inclusion Students (Tuition/General Education)  Preschool AM Inclusion and PM Preschool Classes (Special Education Students)	Students attend all 5 days per week in person, Monday through Friday. (Attend school with an early dismissal schedule.)	Virtual/Remote Instruction "Distance Learning" September 3rd and 4th
<u>Specialized Elementary Programs:</u> C.L.I.M.B. (Autism/ABA) Multiple Disabilities (MD)	Students attend all 5 days per week in person, Monday through Friday. (Attend school with an early dismissal	

Learning and Language Disabilities (LLD) Behavior Disabilities (BD)	schedule.)	
Students with IEP Special Education Program (Resource Center Replacement/ Pull Out or In Class Resource Program (ICR)) [Grades K-5]	Students attend all 5 days per week in person, Monday through Friday. (Attend school with an early dismissal schedule.)	
Speech Only IEPs (ESLS)	Principal will assign either an A Day or B Day schedule for in-person instruction. (A Days are Monday and Tuesday. B Days are Thursday and Friday. Please see Wednesday schedule for A and B days.)	Virtual/Remote Instruction alternating Wednesdays and A/B alternate days.
IEP with General Education Modifications/Accommodations only	Principal will assign either an A Day or B Day schedule for in-person instruction. (A Days are Monday and Tuesday. B Days are Thursday and Friday. Please see Wednesday schedule for A and B days.)	

<b>Macopin Middle School &amp; West Milford High School</b>	<b>Plan for September- December 2020 (REVISED)</b>	
Multiple Disabilities (MD) Learning and Language Disabilities (LLD) Behavior Disabilities (Macopin) Highlander Academy (High School) Students in Transition 18-21 Program	Students attend all 5 days per week in person, Monday through Friday. (Attend school with an early dismissal schedule.)	Virtual/Remote Instruction "Distance Learning" September 3rd and 4th
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Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We want to be here to support you. Our next VIRTUAL SEPAC is scheduled for August 26th at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome. Please email [helen.franke@wmtps.org](mailto:helen.franke@wmtps.org) to attend.  
Sincerely,

*Dr. Elizabeth McQuaid, Director of Special Services*  
*Mrs. Nina Pearsall, Supervisor of Special Services*