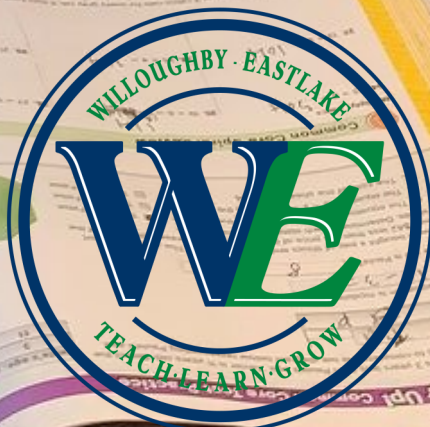


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March 2020

A Message From Your Superintendent



Dear parents, guardians, students and community members,

On behalf of the Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools Board of Education and our entire staff, I would like to thank you for the patience you have shown during the past two weeks.

To say that we are living through unprecedented times is an understatement.

During the first two weeks of this challenge I have personally witnessed a community filled with generosity, caring, resilience and compassion. Our families have come together to help one another in ways I never thought possible. We have had people feed hundreds of families, parents have offered up the assistance of technology so that there would be more Chromebooks for others, community members have filled cars with gas when they do not know the owners, and the stories go on.

I realize that people have many questions about an abundance of topics. People are asking about returning to school, events that have been postponed, what the school is doing to help our families and updates about the election. These are only a few of the types of questions we are hearing. As we have accurate information to share with our community about these and all of your questions, we will not hesitate to share them with you.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or another member of our staff. We are all here to help during this time of uncertainty.

I am proud to be a member of the Willoughby-Eastlake community and I firmly believe that together, Willoughby-Eastlake will remain strong. I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

Stay safe,

Steve Thompson

Superintendent

Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools

To obtain the most recent and up to date information about COVID - 19, visit the [Ohio Department of Health's website.](#)



Ohio
Department of Health

Welcome Back to Distance Learning

During the first week of distance learning, our students, staff and parents accomplished remarkable tasks.

- ⇒ All district teachers moved to online instruction
- ⇒ Students that did not log in were contacted to assist with technology roadblocks
- ⇒ Two-way communication took place in all classrooms
- ⇒ Willoughby-Eastlake distributed more than 1,700 Chromebooks and 200 hotspots to students



Need help with technology?

If you are in need of assistance accessing your school accounts or having problems with a district issued Chromebook, please contact us. The technology staff will be doing their best to support you from home.

- Email: helpdesk@weschools.org
- Voicemail: 440-283-4400

Need help with an assignment?

If you are having trouble with an assignment or a specific app, please contact your teacher.

Technology Resources - Learn More



[Click Here](#)



Willoughby-Eastlake Emergency Operating Levy

Election Day Has Been Changed

As of now, in-person voting has been cancelled. If you wish to vote on ISSUE 1 in the primary, you must vote absentee.

Election Facts:

- ✓ Absentee Ballot applications can be submitted now and will be processed by the Board of Elections.
- ✓ All voting must be done via Absentee Ballot.
- ✓ All voting must be completed by April 28, 2020.
- ✓ If you are mailing your ballot back to the Board of Elections, ballots must be postmarked by April 27, 2020.
- ✓ Passage of Issue 1 will allow the district to reinstate several November cuts and reinstate extracurricular activities for students.



Your today, their tomorrow!



Election Day Facts - Now is the Time to Vote!

HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

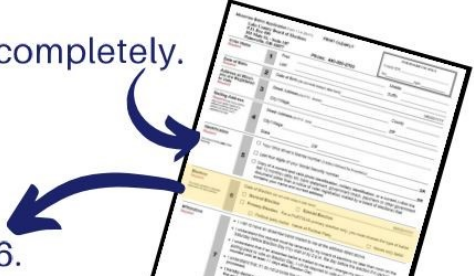
- IN-PERSON VOTING HAS BEEN CANCELLED -

Want To Vote On Issue 1?

Step 1: Request an Absentee Ballot Application from www.SupportWeSchools.org by Sat. April 18, 2020. W-E Levy Committee will mail one to you.

Step 2: Fill out application completely.

Here's how to fill out Section 6.



Election Required <small>You must complete a separate application for each election.</small>	6	Date of Election (do not write today's date here) 03/17/2020 or "Primary 2020"
<input type="checkbox"/> General Election	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Election	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Election	For a PARTISAN primary election only, you must choose the type of ballot:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Political party ballot	Name of Political Party D, R, or I	<input type="checkbox"/> Issues only ballot

SELECT BALLOT TYPE

The ballot you choose determines what the Board of Elections mails to you.

1. Political party ballot - includes Issues and Candidates
 - o Write name of party
(D = Democrat, R = Republican, I = Independent)
2. Issues Only ballot - includes Issues only

Step 3: Mail application back to: Board of Elections
105 Main Street, Suite 107
PO Box 490
Painesville, Ohio 44077

Step 4: Board of Elections will mail you an absentee ballot. Fill that out. Mail back. Must be postmarked by Monday, April 27 in order for your vote to count.

Willoughby-Eastlake Levy Committee

www.SupportWeSchools.org

If you are in need of an Absentee Ballot application, [click here:](#)



School Lunch - When and Where?

Beginning Tuesday, March 31st, families in need are able to pick up breakfast and lunch for their children. This is open to all students under the age of 18, regardless of their free and reduced meal status.

- Tuesday meals will include food for Tuesday lunch, Wednesday breakfast, Wednesday lunch and Thursday breakfast.
- Thursday meals will include food for Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast, Friday lunch, Monday breakfast, Monday lunch and Tuesday breakfast.
- Pickup will be each Tuesday and Thursday at North High School between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- The District Ohio Department of Education requires all meals must be taken off site to be consumed.
- Families will not be permitted to enter the building when they arrive.
- Meals will be ready outside of the main entrance to the building.
- When arriving to pick up meals, parents will be asked to sign the name of students receiving meals.



Lunch Pickup Begins March 31st

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

North High School

34041 Stevens Blvd., Eastlake



Working Together to Stay Strong

Our staff would like to extend their thoughts and well wishes to all families in our community. Willoughby-Eastlake hopes that you are staying healthy and staying safe! Please remember the important tips below and if you are not feeling well, seek the necessary help. Together, W-E will remain strong!

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. The district will have additional hand sanitizer available in our school buildings for student use, please use it as needed.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid shaking hands, especially with those that appear to be ill.



Protect yourself and those around you...

**Stay home
if you are sick!**

Thank you....

This week, several volunteers assisted our staff and made it possible to feed 365 families in need.

Thank you to the community members that assisted with this endeavor!

We are stronger together!

Thank you to the following groups for helping to keep our community strong!

W-E Staff

Willowick Middle School PTO

North Music Boosters

Thomas Jefferson PTO

Longfellow PTA

Royalview PTA

Edison PTO

SOI PTO

NCI Eastlake Food Pantry

WECP Food Pantry

Our Community - large amount of donations given

Friends Church in Willoughby Hills



Important Resources



[United States Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Lake County General Health District](#)

When seeking information, remember to use reliable sources.

The district will have information throughout the buildings from reliable sources to remind students to maintain good health.

Events and resources available to Willoughby-Eastlake families will be updated on the district website, Facebook and distributed via email.

Please check back often.

Together, W-E will remain strong.

#WEstrong

CONNECT WITH US



Teach - Learn - Grow

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