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2014-2015 School Year Off
To A Great Start!

Policy Manual

New Year, New Opportunities

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It's hard to believe, but the 2014-2015 school year is off and running. Warrick County students returned to their classrooms Monday, August 11, while teachers and support staff personnel returned August 7. The start of the new school year filled our schools with energy and excitement, as the new year kicked off. Students were excited to see their friends and get back to learning. Many of our schools hosted back to school cookouts, meet-the-teacher nights, orientation events, or other fun activities to welcome our students and parents back to school. The dedicated professionals of the WCSC look forward to creating a positive learning environment for our students and are eager to serve, teach, encourage, and challenge our students to be the very best they can be. We also want to maintain strong parental involvement in our schools and work with our parents to make this the best school year ever.

As is the case with all new school years, there are always obstacles to overcome. After a much cooler than normal summer, high temperatures and high humidity returned just in time for the start of school. Some of our schools experienced some HVAC problems, but maintenance workers repaired and replaced parts and units as quickly as possible. Bus routes required some modifications and some routes altered, but our transportation department and drivers did a fantastic job of getting all of our student to school and back home safely. Student enrollment was another bright spot to our start, as over 10,000 students were enrolled in WCSC schools the first day of school. This is the highest enrollment number in WCSC history.

The new year brought questions about corporation and school policy regarding dress code, e-cigarettes, as well as other topics. The entire WCSC Policy Manual is available on line, and can be found on our home page by simply clicking the School Board tab and then going to the Policy Manual tab. Policy is set by the School Board, and while it does contain some specific rules and regulations, the Policy Manual is meant to be a set of guidelines by which our schools operate. Our existing Policy Manual is very thorough and is several hundred pages thick, yet it would be impossible to cover every possible scenario that may occur in our schools. The Policy Manual is written to provide guidelines for administrators, along with some flexibility when dealing with situations involving our students. Our administrators use the Policy Manual to ensure all students are safe at school, to establish a positive learning environment in which every child can learn, and to minimize distractions to the school day. Our School Board regularly updates, modifies, and adds policies that will promote the safety and academic achievement of our students. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding our Policy Manual, please feel free to share them with me. In closing, I want to wish everyone the very best for a positive and productive school year. The WCSC staff is dedicated to serving our students to the very best of our ability. I sincerely hope that the 2014-2015 school year is your best one ever!

Brad Schneider, Superintendent