

August 25, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We would like to introduce you to Norma Bushman, our new District Clerk. Many of you may already be familiar with Norma, who was with the East Hampton YMCA for nearly fourteen years. We are very excited that Norma has joined our Wainscott School family. She is already making a positive impact on the school as we get ready to reopen. I am confident that you will find Norma to be very friendly and helpful with any questions or concerns. She is also very caring, especially with the children.

As we prepare for staff and students' return, I would like to thank those of you who were able to attend one of our recent meetings regarding the reopening of the Wainscott School. We appreciate your questions, comments and suggestions regarding our reopening plans. The Wainscott Board of Trustees and the Wainscott staff look forward to opening school safely and welcoming your children back to the School House.

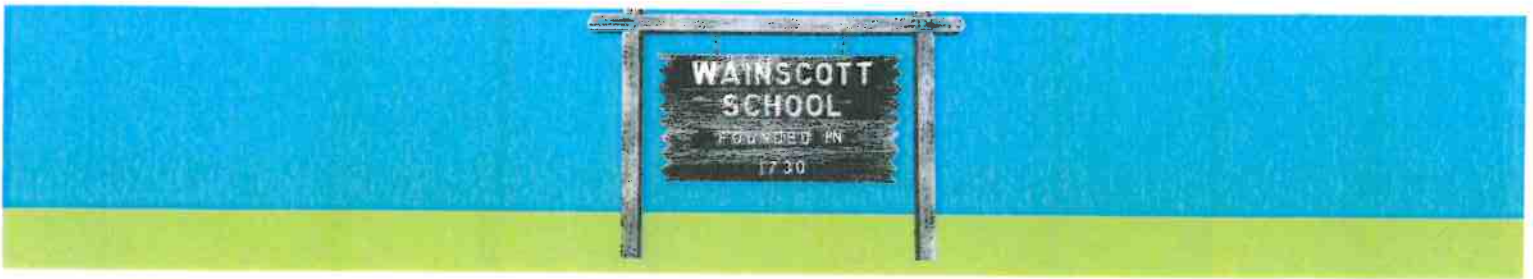
The Wainscott School will reopen for in-person learning on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. We will begin the school year with students arriving at 8 a.m. and leaving at 12:00 p.m. We will follow this schedule September 9, 10, 11 and the week of September 14th. At the end of the first full week of school we will evaluate this schedule.

Students and staff will be temperature checked upon arrival each day.

Students will have individual desks that are spaced six (6) feet apart to maintain appropriate social distancing. Students and staff will wear facial coverings (masks) and appropriate individual barriers will be used as needed for individual instruction and/or services. We are using both buildings for instructional purposes.

We will have surfaces like faucets, doorknobs, desktops cleaned throughout the day. Signage and equipment has been, or will be installed to promote and support a healthy learning environment.

Families that can transport their children to and from school are encouraged to do so. Please share your transportation plans by either emailing nbushman@wainscottschool.org or calling the school – 631-537-1080.



Students who ride the bus to school will enter the building first and will practice social distancing during this process. If you are transporting your child(ren) to school you will be asked to stay in your car until your child has had a temperature check. After their temperature has been taken the children will socially distance as they enter the building. Kindergarten and first grade students will be in the main building and will enter through the main entrance. If you are dropping your child off, you will line up in the bus loop, behind the school bus. Second and third grade students will be in the old school house. If you are dropping your child off, you will pull into the parking lot next to that building.

We encourage you to provide a mask and water bottle for your child to bring to school each day. We will also have student sized masks available if your child does not bring his or her own. The district will provide each student with their own basic supplies in individual containers so that students are not sharing these items.

For more details regarding the reopening of school, please review our plan which is posted on our website: www.Waincottschool.org.

Your support during these challenging times is greatly appreciated. Students and staff will need time to adapt to this new way of teaching and learning and to the new classroom procedures that will be in place. Adjustments to our plans and procedures may be necessary. Patience and flexibility will help us get through this together. We welcome your feedback and suggestions as we implement our reopening plan.

If you still have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 631-537-1080.

Enjoy the next few weeks and please continue to be safe.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Haab
Superintendent