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Dear Warren Glen Academy Parent, Guardian, Faculty and Staff,

The Warren County Department of Health has advised local districts to take the precautionary measures after the Thanksgiving break and to provide distance learning to forestall students and adults who may contract the COVID virus during family gatherings and festive activities. As a reminder, the Warren Glen Academy has initiated this measure through December 9th. Students may return on Thursday, December 10th. This was communicated in a previous e-mail and letter dated November 13.

Further recommendations as of last evening from the Department of Health, given the spike in Coronavirus in all 22 counties and High Risk rating in Warren County, encourages the same protocol after the Christmas/New Year's break to avoid contraction and spread of COVID in our school. Therefore, we will transition to distance learning on Monday, January 4 through Friday, January 15. Students may return on Tuesday, January 19 (Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday). This notification is provided in advance to help you in making the necessary child-care arrangements. This recommendation sadly is not what any of us had hoped for as we move into the New Year.

While we expect families to gather and travel during the holiday season, our ability to respond to family and/or community contacts outside of school hours inhibits the safeguards we have enacted at Warren Glen Academy. Contact tracing requirements by the Department of Health to investigate and monitor this pandemic is beyond our capacity, and quickly stretching resources of the Department of Health. We all want to avoid student and staff quarantine, and this pattern of uncertainty and inconsistency in the educational programming.

Lastly, the Department of Education has allowed for snow days to be held virtually and counted towards the required school day count. So, when a snow day is called during the current year, distance learning will take place on that day.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Wishing you a better and more joyous holiday season and New Year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randy Pratt
Executive Director