Good afternoon, Wicomico school families and staff. This is Paul Butler, Director of Communications and Community Outreach for Wicomico County Public Schools. We hope this message finds you relaxed at the end of the long weekend and ready to report for the first day of school tomorrow morning. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donna Hanlin would like to welcome everyone to the new school year. [link to video]

Tuesday, September 8th will be the first day for all students. (Our Prekindergarten and Kindergarten families will have conferences with teachers on Tuesday and Wednesday, before students meet online as a whole class starting Thursday.) Students should be online and ready to learn Tuesday morning on the schedule shared by their teachers. Please remember that the student dress code remains in effect for virtual learning, and students must dress appropriately for school.

For students who would like school meal bundles, our middle and high schools will be distributing meals from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and our elementary schools will be giving out meals from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Pittsville School handing out meal bundles at both times. Students may visit any school on any school day to pick up a meal bundle.

Parents and guardians, thank you for supporting your students in getting off to a great start. Our school system has worked hard to get a laptop into the hands of every student for virtual learning. We have also supported families in getting connected to the internet, either through Comcast Internet Essentials or a wifi hotspot. If your family is still waiting to receive a device, please stay in touch with your student’s school. We will fulfill your request as quickly as we can, and no student will be penalized for not having full access to technology from day one.

If you find you have questions as virtual learning gets underway, we encourage you to reach out first to your student’s teacher or teachers, or to the school. Many resources are posted on our website, www.wcboe.org. We are also providing a Family Help Line for assistance with instruction and technology. Families may call 410-677-5200 for help in English. For help in Spanish or Haitian Creole, call 410-677-5236. Emails for help in all three languages may be sent to studenthelp@wcboe.org.

Thank you, have a good night, and we’ll see everyone online in the morning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.