

Hello Westfield Middle School Families!

I hope that you are doing well as summer is drawing to a close and that you are enjoying time together during these beautiful, sunny days.

Although I am certain you are eager to hear answers in this robo call about many of the questions on everyone's mind, this message is truly for two quick other updates.

I am reaching out to remind you to fill out the Enrollment Verification Form. It is due to the district by the end of the day tomorrow, Friday, August 21st. The link can be found on the front of our district website at www.schoolsofwestfield.org. Families who do not respond will automatically be placed in our hybrid learning model. This information is imperative as we plan for our next steps as a building and district. Thank you in advance for completing this.

Additionally, the Westfield School District has recently partnered with River Valley Counseling Center (RVCC), a mental health agency that specializes in providing school-based services for students and families across Hampden and Hampshire Counties. The partnership offers families easy access to therapy removing barriers such as long waitlists, transportation issues, insurance coverage problems, and scheduling conflicts. Typically the service would occur during the school day and in our buildings, however due to COVID, RVCC will begin their services remotely through telehealth. Currently, services are available to students who attend WMS and they are able to accept all insurances except Cigna and Tricare (both are expected to be included as options mid-year).

If you are interested in referring your child for therapy AND have one of the insurances listed above, please contact me, Jessica Kennedy, and I will complete the referral form with you. Once referred, an RVCC therapist will contact you to schedule an intake appointment. We are thrilled to have this opportunity for our students and families.

Finally, as always, I am here if you need any support. I understand how difficult these times are, and we are working diligently to provide for all of our students a meaningful school experience despite these obstacles and look forward to seeing them virtually on the first day of school.

Thank you!

Jessica Kennedy