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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Wharton Borough Public School District recognizes the importance of family and that opportunities for child development and growth exist beyond the walls of the school. Appreciating that this pursuit of academic and social emotional development occurs in concert amid school and home, the assignment of homework must align with this balance and support ALL learning opportunities from ALL venues and circumstances.

Holding to this principle, and separate from daily reading and student driven preparation for studies, when and if a homework assignment shall be deemed necessary, it must have purpose, be meaningful and advance student progress toward obtaining learning standards.

Outside of daily reading, which is the foundation of a strong education and of all content, and self-driven study or preparation, students will not be receiving many homework assignments. This is by design and research. Also, it will alleviate the burden of students carrying weighty backpacks.

With this change in approach and focus on family time, please encourage, support and reinforce in your child(ren) the importance of daily reading and self-directed learning. This will not only make them better readers, but it will benefit them in all subject areas and optimistically promote a passion for reading.

Looking forward to an outstanding year!

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Herdman
Superintendent