

Wood County Educational Service Center

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year. This year, we have many exciting transitions that will allow us to continue building upon the firm foundation of educational opportunities with our Wood County ESC Life Skills Programming.

With support from Northwood Schools, we have the opportunity to house our 3rd-7th graders in the AAA building, where they will be supported by other WCESC classrooms. The building houses Northwood administrators, including Superintendent Jason Kozina, and the current location for the Adapted Physical Education class with Nick Herbster. The district has additionally given space for a sensory room and WCESC Related Services staff, all within the same hallway. This is a unique opportunity to have support nearby at all times and staff to collaborate with our space and resources.

Northwood's AAA Building will house the classrooms of Adam Jolliff and Kim Kamelesky. Mr. Joliff is a long term teacher with the ESC, and Kim Kamelesky comes to us with experience in the classroom as an Intervention Specialist as well as in administration. Ms. Kamelesky will be replacing Mandy Hemming and has already demonstrated an eagerness to join our team. This school year, Ms. Cordie Stone's K-1 classroom will stay within the Northwood elementary building.

In addition to these changes, we congratulate Mrs. Diane Witt on her retirement from the WCESC after over 15 years of service. Though big shoes to fill, Jessie Dible will be the Director of Special Education (Life Skills) and oversee the daily classroom operations, curriculum, and intervention services. Jessie has worked as an Intervention Specialist within the Life Skills program for the past six years and is passionate about the development and implementation of the program goals. Joe Taylor will continue to hold the role of Director of Special Education (Student Services) while also being a part of the day-to-day operations of the classrooms and facilities.

Enclosed in this packet are your child's classroom and teacher assignment, open house dates, supply list, district calendar, free and reduced lunch forms specific to the attending district, and emergency forms. Please complete the enclosed forms and return them to your child's teacher on the <u>first</u> day of school. We also ask you to read through the Parent Handbook, as this is a valuable program resource.

Teachers will follow their district work calendars before the beginning of school. If you have questions or concerns and are unable to reach your child's teacher at the school, please feel free to contact us at the WCESC at 419-354-9010.

Sincerely,

Joe Taylor, WCESC Director of Special Education/Student Services Jessie Dible, WCESC Director of Special Education/Life Skills