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Dear Family,

Clay County Schools is excited to announce our expanded partnership with West Virginia Virtual School to supplement our current educational plans. While we have used the West Virginia Virtual School in the past to offer classes in middle school and high school for which we did not have certified teachers, we are looking forward to expanding our partnership by offering classes for students in grades kindergarten through twelve who would benefit from the flexibility of online learning from home. Students who are good candidates for online learning are self-motivated and able to direct their own learning.

By enrolling in Clay County Schools and West Virginia Virtual School, students who meet the same requirements of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activity Commission (WVSSAC) as face to face students are eligible to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities offered by Clay County Schools.

Upon satisfying all public school graduation requirements outlined in WVBE Policy 2510, Assuring Quality Education: Regulations for Education Programs, students enrolled in the virtual program will receive a high school diploma from Clay County Schools.

The WV Virtual School partners with third-party providers to offer the courses required by West Virginia students. These providers are experts in the field of course design and instructional delivery. All courses are reviewed for alignment with West Virginia College and Career Readiness Standards and the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Courses. Often the courses are taught by West Virginia certified teachers. Clay County teachers will be teaching our courses.

After reviewing our virtual school policy, if you are interested in discussing this opportunity further, please email Mary Ann Triplett at <a href="matriple@k12.wv.us">matriple@k12.wv.us</a> with the subject line Virtual School.

Please complete the documents in the enrollment packet just like you do at the beginning of each school year with the addition of the Virtual School Contract and return them to your home school. If you are enrolling your student in Clay County Schools for the first time, please also complete the New Student Enrollment Forms and return to your home school with the appropriate documentation.

This is a great opportunity to work together to help all our children achieve at their highest levels.

Sincerely,

Joe Paxton, Superintendent of Clay County Schools