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Dear Families and Staff:

The start of the hybrid mode has been very exciting. Our students have been very flexible and eager and our staff has enjoyed immensely seeing them in person. For me, it has been terrific to see some of the regular rhythms of the classroom taking place: students in classrooms learning how to use capital letters, how to write stories and how to find the area of tetrahedra.

I would like to give you some updates on our continuing work to make our hybrid experience safe, nurturing and engaging for your children.

### **Health Attestation**

This past week about 98% of our students' families completed the health screener each morning. Thank you so much for your support as we work assiduously to have students and staff with symptoms stay home from school.

For the approximately forty families who were not able to answer the screener online, we will be contacting you this week to resolve obstacles. We appreciate your responsiveness to these phone calls. In addition, this week we expect to finish responding to all requests for second guardians to be added to the system. Please remember that beginning November 3, we will send students to the office at the beginning of the day if they have not completed the attestation.

### **Social Gatherings**

As we continue to implement and improve our hybrid model, we want to maintain as much in-person schooling as possible while making sure that health and safety are our first priority. While it is inevitable that we will have confirmed positive cases among students and staff at various points in the future, our vigilance (as exemplified by our entire community completing the health screener described above) will enable us to quarantine those students and staff who need to be quarantined and safely continue in-person schooling for the rest of our population.

*Our strategy of keeping the large majority of students safely in the hybrid mode is severely compromised when students have large social gatherings. Among our neighboring communities, the majority of pivots to remote learning for large groups is the result of student gatherings on weekends in which a student's confirmed positive test impacts other students across classrooms and schools. Put simply, one party could cause a school or even the entire district to go remote for a period of time.*

As the weather gets colder and students want more and more to enjoy their time together, the adults in their lives must continue to make sure that parties are not held in their homes. We appreciate your support with this effort.

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**Updates on the Wayland Remote Alternative Program (WRAP):**

Some families have asked to move from the all-remote WRAP program to the hybrid program or from the hybrid program to the all-remote WRAP program earlier than the original deadline of January that we articulated during the summer. In trying to meet the evolving needs of individual families while maintaining stability for the remainder of our students, we have developed an approach where families can petition for a change in programming. Please see the "Request Process to Enter/Exit the WRAP Program" [here](#).

Thank you again for teaming with us in making this the best experience possible for your children. I deeply appreciate your partnership.

We look forward to another enjoyable week of school.

All my best,



Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent