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I am looking forward to the start of the hybrid mode of our staged hybrid model on October 19 with great anticipation. The staff has worked incredibly hard to engage students in learning during these first few weeks. They have developed new ways for teachers to support students, designing small group activities that enable students to respond spontaneously. We are excited to apply what we have learned as we transition to hybrid learning with its combined in-person and remote components.

Some Facts about the Hybrid Model beginning on October 19

Students have been assigned to either “A” or “B” cohorts. In the “A” cohort, students attend school on Monday and Tuesday. In the “B” cohort, students attend school on Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, the “X” day, most students will learn remotely, engaging in a mix of live (synchronous) and independent (asynchronous) activities. During the week of October 12, principals will send out more details about their school’s precise schedules.

Staff Professional Development Day, Friday, October 16

We will be using one of our remaining staff professional development days on Friday, October 16 in order for staff to prepare for the transition to the hybrid mode. There will be no school on this day for students. The purpose of this day is to give staff one day to spend together applying what we have learned from having had some students in the building, rehearsing arrival, dismissal, transition and in-class health and safety procedures, and coordinating remote and in-person curriculum. We appreciate your patience as we prepare to make the hybrid mode successful.

The Health Screening

Prior to October 19, we ask that families whose children are currently attending in-person school complete the [current paper attestation](#) every day in order to enable their children to enter the building safely.

During the week of October 12, all parents and guardians will receive an email that will ask you to sign up for our web-based student attestation through the Healthwatch platform. Beginning on October 19, we will transition from paper-based health forms to this electronic form.

It is absolutely critical for the safety of our community and our continued in-person learning that every family complete the online attestation every day before sending their children to school. Families who answer “yes” to any of the questions should keep their students home. You will be contacted about your “yes” answer(s), and we will be tracking those families who don’t complete the app. The Wayland Board of Health will be evaluating compliance with the above requirements as part of their

process in making recommendations about changing from one mode of schooling to another.

In answering the attestation, if you have a question about “high-risk states” please consult this [link](#). Please make sure that you have access to a working thermometer because you will be taking your children’s temperatures every day. Finally, remind your children to practice physical distancing, wash their hands, and to wear their masks.

We have been learning much from these first few weeks and are eager to apply what we have learned to a nurturing and engaging hybrid mode for your children.

Together we will do this.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur Unobskey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent