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Dear Windsor Community,

We are getting closer and closer to finally welcoming back students to all of our campuses. We are fortunate that the County health metrics continue to improve, and we have finally entered into the red tier. This will allow us to follow through with our plan to reopen all of our schools on April 5th. We have also completed all of our Covid Safety Plans. These plans will be posted this week so that you may review all of the safety protocols that we have put in place to ensure that students are safe upon their return to campus. Every bureaucratic hurdle that we had to clear has been cleared, we will be welcoming back students on April 5th. There is nothing else standing in our way!

Preparing Students For A Return To School:

Talk with your kids about how things may look and feel different after being away for so long. This is a big change for everyone, and it is completely normal to feel nervous or scared. Let them ask questions and help them understand that everything is being done to keep students and staff safe. Try to stay positive and upbeat. If you talk about reopening in a confident and positive manner, kids may be less afraid of going back to a changed campus.

Some of us may have loosened up on the bedtime rules in the past year: letting kids stay up later, then sleep in a little later than they could when they were in school. Now that we are looking at going back in-person, it is important to start working on that routine now to avoid a battle when school starts.

- Many kids have been home most days over the past year, likely with less structured meal and snack times. With school reopening, those habits may also need to be adjusted to align with school schedules.

Everyone on campus will be required to wear a mask. Some kids have been in daycare or ECC and are used to wearing a mask for hours, while others have never worn masks for long periods. It is time to work on wearing those masks! Remind kids not to touch their mask if possible and to clean hands if they do. Make sure kids know to never share or trade masks with anyone else.



North County Consortium Program – Windsor High School – Windsor Middle School
Windsor Oaks Academy – North Bay Met Academy

Important Dates:

- March 19: Asynchronous instruction (TK-Grade 5 will continue the morning meetings); Staff receiving Swivl training, and readying classrooms for the return of students.
- March 31: Asynchronous instruction (TK-Grade 5 will continue the morning meetings); Staff readying classrooms for the return of students.
- April 1: Asynchronous instruction (TK-Grade 5 will continue the morning meetings); Staff readying classrooms for the return of students.
 - **Informational meeting at 4:30pm** for families. Topics to include: Pertinent return to school information, including important safety protocols.
 - Instructions for how to join the meeting will be sent to families on March 31st.
- April 2: Asynchronous instruction (TK-Grade 5 will continue the morning meetings); Staff readying classrooms for the return of students.
- April 5: First day of in-person instruction!

Schedules:

Information regarding schedules will be shared directly from the site administration. Please be on the lookout for their communication this week.

Technology:

Our Chromebook order that we made in August has finally arrived, and we are ready to distribute the technology to students. Those students who are returning for in-person instruction will receive a new Chromebook upon returning to school. Once we have ensured that all who are returning have a device, we will move to distributing the rest of the Chromebooks over the summer in time for all students to have a new device for the first day of school in the 2021-22 school year. Please follow this [Q and A hyperlink](#) for further details.

Transportation:

We know that it is going to be difficult for many families to figure out transportation for students once we return to school. Unfortunately, we are going to be unable to offer traditional bus transportation for the remainder of the year due to the social distancing requirements (6 feet apart) that we are required to adhere to. In order to keep students socially distanced we must greatly reduce the number of children on each bus route. As a district, we have limited bus drivers and therefore will only be able to transport the students that we are legally required to carry to and from school.

- After determining the routes and our capacity for each we may have room for additional children. We will prioritize the additions based on academic need, but will most likely not be able to satisfy all requests.

Asymptomatic Testing:



WUSD will be following the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance in regard to Covid-19 testing for students and staff. This will change within each tier. While we are in the Purple or Red tier it is recommended that asymptomatic students and staff are tested every 2 weeks. When we reach the Orange or Yellow tiers only symptomatic and response testing is

recommended. In case of a Covid-19 outbreak, the district will recommend weekly testing of all students and/or staff exposed. Testing results will be confidential.

Every day that we get closer to a return, my excitement builds. Looking forward to meeting all of you properly beginning April 5th!

Sincerely,

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