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Dear Moss community,

It is with great excitement that I announce to all that Moss will reopen its doors to all children to attend school every day, starting this coming Monday, April, 26th, 2021. Dr. Caputo just informed me and Moss staff and sent out his weekly message early to help start spreading the word. Here is what he said:

- And finally, this coming Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, parents of Moss students will be able to send their children in-person every day regardless of A week/B week designation. I am grateful to the Moss staff and am confident in their plan.

This decision was driven by a statistically significant drop in COVID transmission rate and cases both at the state level and locally. I heard it said on the radio this morning on my drive to work that apparently the third wave is now on a downturn. As a result, and as promised, as soon as we got the green light, Moss can offer the option for parents to send their children to school every day as soon as possible - this Monday! Thank you so much for all your patience and collaboration all year. I would also like to thank all my Moss staff who have done everything needed to prepare for this moment, even for it to occur at the drop of a hat. I assure you we are all ready to provide safe, every day attendance for all who choose, thanks to the collaborative work of this staff.

Parents, we have committed to offering you a choice about what is best for your child amidst constantly changing and swinging conditions all year, and now is no different. You have a number of options to choose from at this time:

1. **Send your previously designated Hybrid child, regardless of A week or B week designation, into school every day starting Monday.** You DO NOT have to email the school to inform us of a move from hybrid to every day. We will assume all hybrid students are choosing every day designation, unless...
2. **Stay hybrid**, if you prefer. If you would like to maintain sending in your child every other week, you have that option. If you choose to stay hybrid, please DO email me, Trisch Hallas and your child's teacher that you plan to keep your child as Hybrid.
3. **Stay all remote.** That will be an option for the remainder of this school year.
4. If you would like to **switch your child from Hybrid to remote**, please DO email myself, Trisch Hallas and the teacher and you may begin all remote as soon as Monday.
5. If your child is all remote and you would like to switch to every day in person, please email me, Trisch Hallas and your child's teacher starting Monday. Please do not email after-hours or over the weekend with requests for changes that require timely response and action. Please email about changes in designation requests on Mondays - Thursdays for the remainder of the year. **We will welcome parent requests to switch from current full remote students to full in person students next week to start in-person attendance no sooner than May 3rd.** This is to help the teacher prepare carefully and thoughtfully for the transition (which would be impossible to ensure next week amidst the reopening). Thank you!

Please be aware that we have already scheduled the new Kindergarten In-person Registration for all next week. Therefore, our Main Office Staff, Nurse and Rtl teacher will be busy serving all day our new incoming families Monday - Thursday next week. This means that communication and response from the Main Office will be less timely, we will have a substitute Nurse, there will be no Rtl programming and specials will either be outdoors or in the classrooms. Next week, we have a lot going on, but I assure you we will be fully ready and all hands on deck to assure a very smooth and safe transition to every day in person attendance. We have not had a single case of transmission all year and I am fully confident in our plan and readiness to reopen will continue to keep everyone safe. Our email and phone communication, however, may be less timely than you are accustomed to.

We will be maintaining all of the mitigating strategies (other than social distancing), including mask wearing, wellness questionnaires, consistent cleaning before AM, during lunch and after PM programming, and the newest, highest quality filters have been put into the classrooms as of yesterday. Your Timely communication about any conditions and full collaboration is needed now more than ever with fuller classrooms. Keep it all up as this pandemic is far from over.

For those of you with children in Campbell, here is his message regarding the plans for re-opening Campbell to every day in-person attendance:

- Speaking of which, last night I made the decision to allow parents to send their Campbell children to school in-person every day, A week and B week, beginning Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Campbell parents will get school-specific notification of any changes to procedures.

We are also excited to offer a number of upcoming special events and opportunities, which will be easier to implement now that we can offer every day attendance. All special events are either open to all remote students either during the day (such as in the case of the Spring Festival) or after school hours (such as the Book Fair and Picture Day). See dates below and more details will be coming soon regarding options for all remote families to participate.

May 5-11 – MOSS BOOK FAIR IN GYM

May 10-14 – MOSS STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 14 - MOSS SPRING FESTIVAL // MAY 21 – SPRING FESTIVAL RAIN DATE

MAY 18 - MOSS INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY- NO MAKE-UP DAY WILL STAY UNTIL 4:30 FOR REMOTE STUDENTS-IN GYM

Stay safe and keep up the collaboration and communication. We are maintaining all

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