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Dear Windsor Community,

I am excited to announce that we will be transitioning to 3 foot social distancing in our classrooms! Students in grades 6-12 will be making the change next Monday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Students in grades TK-5 will be making the transition beginning on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**. This change will allow us to double the number of students in the classroom, and ultimately double the amount of days that students are able to attend in-person.

We are able to transition grades 6-12 a bit sooner than TK-5 due to the furniture in the classrooms. Grades TK-5 require a significant amount of reshuffling of furniture as much was moved out to accommodate the 6 foot distancing guidance that we had been previously operating under. As such, we are going to transition to asynchronous instruction only on Monday and Tuesday next week (May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) for all students in grades TK-5. We need all hands on deck to get the 73 classrooms ready to welcome the increased number of students back on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Beyond the increase in days, nothing else will be changing with regard to the start and end times for students as they will still go home at lunchtime. Students will also continue to stay distanced on Wednesdays. Unfortunately, the updated guidance that allows 3 foot distancing does not apply to lunch as students are required to be 6 feet apart when their masks are not on. Please be on the lookout for specific communication from the principal of your child as they will provide the necessary details to make sure that this transition goes smoothly.

I am also excited to announce that we are **planning to open our schools in full next year**. Obviously, this is contingent on the California Department of Public Health allowing us to do so, but is the intent of the Windsor unified School District to be open full-time, 5 days per week, beginning in the Fall.

As the father of a kindergartner, I truly do know how hard this has been for everyone. I know that there have been tears, anxiety, and frustration this school year...and those were just my own emotions! I am also aware that it hasn't always been clear as to why students weren't able to be at school

more often. Oftentimes, I felt that I was simply providing excuses to all of you, and it ate me up inside. We have had so many barriers put in front of us throughout this pandemic, and I am excited that things are finally getting better. It has been a herculean effort to educate students this year, and I wish I could truly explain all of the planning that has gone into getting to this point.

The students, families, and staff in Windsor are truly amazing. I wish I could personally thank you for all you have done to support your child, and the district over the past year. I can't wait to see those full classrooms on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Grades 6-12), and May 6<sup>th</sup> (Grades TK-5)!

Sincerely,

*Jeremy Decker*