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Hello Greenwood Families!

We hope this letter finds you safe, healthy, and well. There is no doubt this school year has presented us with challenges and adversity like none other. Still, we find ourselves deeply engaged in learning with our students, pushing them to achieve at high levels and doing our very best to close the learning gaps created from the onset of COVID-19. Our students and staff have responded remarkably well to the situation and the new learning conditions they all have been faced with.

Due to the increasing numbers of staff and students testing positive for COVID-19 and/or being in close contact to someone who has, we have also seen a large increase in the number of students that are in and out of quarantine. Quarantine times have ranged from 2-24 days for staff and students depending on their exposure and individual situation. Because of this, our staff is busy planning in-person lessons, lessons for our full-time virtual learners and lessons for those that are virtual due to quarantine. Maintaining this structure is extremely difficult. Our teachers are committed to the success of our students and are working tirelessly to ensure all students have access to learning!

In order to ensure this learning continues, it will be essential to allow teachers more time for planning. At the School Board meeting held on Monday, October 12th, the board decided to make **Friday, October 30th; Friday, November 13th; and Friday, November 20th, as e-learning days for our students.** Staff will report to school as usual, but students will not. Students will have work to do in their Seesaw or Google classrooms. Teachers will use this time to plan for upcoming lessons, both in-person and virtual.

On the Thursday before these dates, students will bring home necessary materials to do the e-learning work assigned. Teachers will not be meeting with students at set times, instead students will be able to complete their e-learning assignments when it works for them on those days. Students will also bring home a bag breakfast and lunch on the Thursday before the e-learning days. More information about the meals will be shared with families and students in the near future. We also understand that internet access may still be an issue for some families and we are continuing to explore off-site options for internet access.

Please note that the board of education will continue to review the school calendar and the needs of our staff and students at monthly meetings. Any future changes to the school calendar will be communicated accordingly.

Remember, our main goal is to keep our doors open for our students to learn at high levels. We understand this may cause frustration for some of our families with child care and conflicting work schedules and we do apologize for that. We hope with this advanced notice, you will be able to make appropriate accommodations. Lastly, thank you for your continued support for our kids and our schools. Working together is our best strategy to ensure high levels of learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either school office at any time.

Sincerely,

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