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Good Afternoon Parents,

I'd like to share a quick update. First, our new start date for the 2020 - 2021 school year will be Thursday, September 10th. Our last day of school will be Friday, June 18th. I want to provide as much time as possible to get on campus for instruction.

Second, parents, you will have flexibility when it comes to sending your child/ren to Carden for on campus instruction. We are fighting to start school on campus. But you can choose to keep your child at home to learn online if you would like. We will be live-streaming our lessons to those at home. But please understand that if we are cleared to start classes on campus, our teachers will plan accordingly. So it might be that in some classes, especially science, math and art, teachers will be unable to send some manipulatives or materials home for some lessons. During some lessons, children learning from home might observe while children at school do a hands-on activity. But know our teachers will work to provide an outstanding education no matter where the student is.

We want you to have flexibility when deciding when to send your children to campus, but please understand that teachers will need the ability to be flexible with their planning and instruction.

Finally, the State of California just released information on elementary school waivers. As you know, we can only start school on campus if Ventura County falls off of the Governor's COVID watch list, or if we are granted a waiver. Dr. Levin, the Ventura County Public Health Officer, has not yet opened the waiver submission process. So I would like to wait a bit longer before deciding on online or in-person instruction. Dr. Levin emailed Mr. Fleming on the weekend to ask about our start date. As soon as the waiver process opens up to us, I will let you know.

Thank you again for your patience.

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