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WJUSD and Teacher Negotiations Update – March 5, 2021

DISTRICT AND TEACHERS' UNION CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION BEGINNING ON APRIL 12, 2021

The District and WEA bargaining teams continued negotiations today for the implementation of Phase 3 Hybrid Instructional Model to commence on April 12, 2021. The District presented a counter proposal that continues to emphasize a focus on preventative measures related to safety and included language that "classrooms at Woodland High School and any other school where there are windowless classrooms shall be fitted with a portable air filtration/purifier system." The District's counter proposal also addressed a new option for staff with childcare needs to bring their school age child(ren) to work with them if there is space available in their in-person classroom, the staff member completes a liability waiver and their child(ren) follows safety guidelines (wears face covering, follows social distancing). The District's counter also continues to allow for flexibility for staff in grades Pre-K-6 in utilizing concurrent instruction with their students.

Our next negotiation session is scheduled for Friday, March 12. The District expressed the need to work to reach an agreement very soon so that families, staff and site administrators can begin finalizing plans and schedules for a safe return to school on April 12, 2021.

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