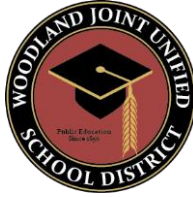


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Tom Pritchard, Superintendent

February 26, 2021

Dear WJUSD Community,

Today, I want to share great news about how we are one-step closer to a safe and healthy reopening using a hybrid in-person learning model.

As community health indicators are trending positively, our Board of Trustees approved Resolution 54-21 directing the district to return to in-person instruction for grades Pre-K through 12 using a hybrid model beginning April 12, 2021. Our hybrid model will provide students a combination of both in-person instruction and distance learning in order to be consistent with the safety guidelines set forth by the California Department of Public Health.

We have already been working diligently to get our small cohorts back to school for in-person instruction and beginning March 1, 2021, we will have targeted support groups receiving in-person support. Our next step will be to provide a hybrid model of in-person instruction for all of our preschool through grade 12 students, beginning April 12, 2021, with a focus on health and safety.

As a way to fight against the spread of the coronavirus and open safely, our efforts are based on the layered approach to providing a healthy school environment. Students and staff will be screened prior to entering the classroom, will be expected to wear masks, and classrooms have been re-arranged to adhere to physical distancing guidelines. Hand hygiene and disinfecting procedures will be implemented. Our HVAC systems have been adjusted to allow for maximum airflow and we have replaced our air filters with MERV 13 filters to help with air quality. We have released a Health and Safety Plan outlining all our safety practices that will be implemented throughout the school day, all developed with guidance from local health and state agencies, and can be viewed on our website. Recently, Governor Newsom announced that 10% of each county's vaccine allocation will be prioritized for educators beginning March 1. Additionally, Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson made the decision that Yolo County will join a number of other counties to prioritize teachers and education employees within the current Yolo County vaccination delivery process. WJUSD is fortunate that already a significant number of staff have received their first dose and most, if not all, staff members should have the access and opportunity to receive their second dose prior to April 12th.

We are working diligently to reach agreements with the Woodland Education Association and the California School Employees Association consistent with Board of Education's Resolution 54-21.

We have stated all along that our ultimate goal is to get students back to in-person instruction in a safe and healthy manner. Today, we are very pleased to announce that our goal will be reached on April 12th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Pritchard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Tom Pritchard
WJUSD Superintendent