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Superintendent Update

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Hello Kindergarten families,

Thank you for all of your help as we prepare to bring our youngest learners back to school four days a week beginning on Monday, February 1, 2021. In order for us to be prepared for us to be ready for the children we need your support one more time.

With that in mind, we are writing to let you know that there will be no school for Kindergarten students ONLY on Thursday, January 28th and Friday 29th. This will allow us the time we need to prepare to receive the students on Monday, February 1st. The teachers, assistants, and administrators will use the time to make the transition for our new and improved Kindergarten learning models.

Some of this preparation time will allow teachers to share important information about students and their learning strengths and challenges. It will also allow teachers to finalize the transition plans and supports necessary for each student to feel connected to former classmates and teachers. In addition, teachers will also have time to analyze the most recent classroom assessments and meet with curriculum coordinators to plan content and curriculum adjustments based on these assessments and changes in learning format. Teachers also will use this time to physically change the classroom spaces and to prepare the classroom so that it can safely accommodate up to 16 children in the classroom. This will be done within our six health and safety pillars which include; social distancing of six feet, the wearing of masks for all students and educators, the enhanced hand washing and sanitizing protocols, nightly disinfecting of all classrooms, and increased air flow, and the inclusion of HEPA filtration in each classroom.

Thank you for your assistance with this request so that we can welcome our Kindergarten students back to the Davis School on Monday, February 1, 2021.

As always, thank you for your patience, your participation, and your continued commitment to our schools.

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely,

Philip Conrad Superintendent