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Dear Parents and Guardians of West Wing School,

This week the DVUSD Governing Board voted to have students return to in person school. I know that I speak for the entire West Wing staff when I say we are thrilled our students will be returning to campus. We have missed our students, and we are ready for in person learning to begin.

The district Return to Learning Plan is a phased in model. We will eagerly welcome back our Mustangs according to the scheduled dates below:

- Kindergarten: September 24
- Grades 1-3: September 29
- Grades 4-6: October 5
- Grades 7-8: October 14

At West Wing School, the health and safety of our students is our top priority. Due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak, we have implemented specific health and hygiene, cleaning, and disinfecting procedures. These procedures include encouraging frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer at regular intervals throughout the day. Staff will also sanitize and disinfect frequent high touch surfaces using the safest and most effective cleaning agents. Disinfection of the campus will occur at the end of each school day and will be implemented by staff members who have been trained to properly clean.

Our staff has been tirelessly implementing new changes and safety measures to help provide your child the safest school environment possible. All students and staff will be required to wear masks while they are at school. Students and staff will practice social distancing, and students will be grouped into cohorts as they move around the campus during the day.

Keeping our West Wing students and staff safe is a community effort. It is imperative that you monitor your child's health and that you do not send your child to school if he/she has a fever, cough, sore throat, or other symptoms of illness. We are fortunate to have an experienced full time nurse on staff at West Wing School. She will be monitoring our students and will send your child home if he/she presents with any COVID-19 symptoms.

The West Wing staff is busy making necessary adjustments to the morning rush, classroom set ups, the separation of school supplies, as well as making lunchtime, recess, and extracurricular changes. Please be aware of the following:

- Students should report to campus no earlier than 8:30 a.m. We will no longer allow

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morning drop off to begin at 8:15 a.m.

- When students arrive on campus at 8:30 a.m., they will go directly to their classroom.
- During lunch times, only one grade level will be permitted in the cafeteria at a time. Students will be socially distanced as they eat their lunch.
- Due to our new safety procedures, parents and visitors will no longer be permitted to be on campus.

Even though we are experiencing significant changes, the positive part of this process is that we will have your child(ren) back on campus for face-to-face learning soon.

West Wing School is an A+ School of Excellence, a prestigious award that recognizes exceptional schools. As part of earning this esteemed award, we were recognized for our ability to implement an excellent academic program, respond successfully to the changing environment of education, cultivate a learning-centered safe school environment, and demonstrate superior ability to go above and beyond the norm in providing services to children, families, and our local community. I have every confidence that we will get through this together. West Wing is a resilient community and our staff is strong and eager to begin face-to-face teaching. Please be patient as we establish some new and different processes to keep everyone healthy and safe. I am proud to have served the West Wing School community for the past 16 years and I look forward to working through these challenges together.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Price-Barry
Principal