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FALL REOPENING UPDATE FOR FAMILIES

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Dear Westwood Public Schools Families,

First, I am writing with a reminder that tomorrow morning at 9 am is the deadline for families to complete the [opt out form](#) if you will not be sending your student to school in the hybrid model outlined in the [Fall Reopening Plan](#). We appreciate your meeting this deadline, as it is essential information for our planning process.

To clarify: Our reopening plan for students who opt out of hybrid and remain fully remote is to virtually attend class and receive instruction from Westwood Public Schools teachers.

Second, elementary and middle school students will receive their cohort assignments tomorrow (Aug. 14th). However, we need some additional time to make the high school cohorting assignments. The high school master schedule is complex, and we need to create cohort assignments that result in evenly splitting each class in the master schedule. We are working through that process and will release high school cohort assignments as soon as they are finalized. In making these assignments, we will ensure that family schedules remain aligned. For example, if a high school student has a sibling at the middle school who is assigned to the Monday cohort, the high school student also will be in the Monday cohort.

Thank you for your assistance and patience as we work through these logistics.

Sincerely,

Emily J. Parks
Superintendent