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Dear Families and Staff,

I hope that you all have a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather that we are experiencing right now. There is something about the warmer temperatures and the bright sunshine that just gives me an extra bounce in my step! I am emailing you today to share some important updates regarding school reopening steps and the budget process.

Reopening Next Steps

Wednesdays

Starting on Wednesday, March 24, all buildings will be open on Wednesdays for in-person learning on a half-day schedule. Therefore, our elementary students will enjoy 4 ½ days of in-person learning. The middle school and high school students will have an “A” day on Wednesday, March 24 and a schedule for future Wednesdays will come from the THS Administration. The BOE also adopted an amended calendar last night creating student half days on Wednesdays through April 28.

Middle Schools

It was also decided that we are now in a position to eliminate the hybrid model at the middle schools and allow all students to return for in-person learning for the entire week. We are targeting the week of March 29 for this change to take place. Again, Wednesdays will be half days for students. Parents of middle school students will receive an important survey this week and I ask that you all respond. Your responses will improve our planning process.

High School

The high school will also be eliminating the hybrid model. However, given the sheer number of students who attend the high school more time will be needed to review survey data. Therefore, I ask parents of high school aged children to complete the survey you will receive from high school administration this week. To be clear, there is no specific date for a return to full in-person at the high school level. We will share a more specific plan once survey data is reviewed.

Budget Process

Currently, each town department is meeting with the Board of Finance to review their budget request. On March 18 at 7:00 PM the BOE will meet with the Board of Finance again to discuss our 2021-2022 budget request. You will then have opportunities on Saturday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 23 for public comment on the entire town budget, including the BOE budget. You can find all our budget information on our website here: <https://www.trumbullps.org/boe/budget.html>

Sincerely,

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