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Good afternoon WCA families,

I hope this email finds you all staying healthy, safe and taking care of one another. As you may be aware, beginning on September 21st, we brought high priority students (students with IEP's, English Language Learners and students for whom distance learning was not successful last spring) back onto campus for in-person learning, as planned. That experience has continued to demonstrate how challenging the hybrid model can be, as teachers work with students both in the classroom and on-line. We were also hoping that the COVID-19 cases in the County would continue to decrease, but as of recently, we have seen the opposite (please refer to: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>).

To reiterate last week's message, until we are certain that we can bring back a significant number of students safely, efficiently and effectively, we will continue to focus on supporting our most vulnerable students in-person, while providing excellent remote instruction for everyone else. At this juncture, **I can safely say that we are looking at November 2nd, at the earliest,** to potentially bring back a more significant number of students to campus. Frankly, **it is more likely that we will remain in a predominately distance first capacity through the winter break.**

Here's what we learned in our recent survey:

- approximately 20% of families would only be comfortable sending their students to school if Marin moves to the next level (orange - moderate)
- 30% of families would only send their students back if Marin moves to yellow (minimal risk)
- 20% prefer for their students to remain in distance learning for the year.

We know consistency is critical to our families. We recognize that in-person learning is the ideal experience for students and teachers alike. Please know we will continue to use your feedback to inform our decision-making and further improve our remote learning instruction until we are able to return to in-person learning.