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Good afternoon WCA families,

I hope that this email finds you all staying safe, healthy and as excited about how this year is going as I am. Now that we are well into our new school year, we wanted to take this opportunity to solicit your feedback in a few areas. The survey should only take you a few minutes, and your responses will help us continue to improve our teaching and learning model as we continue to navigate through these trying times. These topics include the following:

- How families feel about the potential of bringing students back on campus
- How distance learning is going for you
- How we can get more families to participate in our meal program

[SEE SURVEY HERE](#)

As you may know, beginning this past Monday, a very small group of high priority students (children with IEPs, English Language Learners and students for whom distance learning was not successful last spring) returned to campus from 8:30-12:30 each day. **One of our big take aways from this experience thus far is that we need to continue to take things very slowly.** As happy as we are to welcome some children back, even with just a few students in classrooms, our teachers are finding it very challenging to balance their instruction (both remote and in person) so that all students continue to have a positive experience. Some of you whose students are participating in distance learning may have experienced some challenges with teachers now needing to wear masks while teaching, along with some interruptions to Zoom and other distractions. Please know that we are working hard to problem solve and appreciate everyone's patience in the meantime.

At this point, based on what we have experienced, **we are going to continue to delay moving into a full hybrid model** until we are certain that we can do it safely, efficiently and effectively. We will hopefully be able to continue to slowly bring some more of our struggling students onto campus during the next few weeks, but once again, we are asking all of you for your flexibility and understanding.

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to complete your [survey](#). Your feedback is invaluable to us.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, you are always welcome to reach out to me directly at ecox@willowcreekacademy.org.

Respectfully, Emily

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