Dear Northwest School Families,

I want to confirm that our plan is to pilot bringing both divisions to campus next week, starting Monday.

The start and end time of the day will be the same it is now. There will be some slight changes in times during the day – please see schedule here.

Data from last week and this one suggest that about 80% of Middle School (120+) and about 60% of Upper School students (180+) so far have chosen in-person learning. To accommodate safe lunch for everyone, Middle and Upper School students will eat at two different times. After two classes, Middle School will have lunch, then two more classes (the same routine we have used the last two weeks); and Upper School 3 classes, lunch, and then their last class.

This is our second week of running the Middle School Monday and Tuesday, and the Upper School Thursday and Friday, and we are making final adjustments and fine tuning. Today we introduced the Performing Arts on campus for the first time.

What could change our plans for Monday is if Governor Inslee signals that King County will return to Phase 2. For right now, the official plan is that Inslee’s next announcement will occur on May 3. If that becomes the case, we would revert to current plans of Middle School (Mon-Tue), Performing Arts (Wed), and Upper School (Thu-Fri).

Governor Inslee’s metrics for returning to Phase 2 (unless new information, data, and guidelines are introduced) are that both case count and hospitalization both must be beyond the current metrics of 200/100,000/2 weeks and hospitalization 5 or under per 100,000/2 weeks. Currently those numbers are 207 and 4.6 respectively.

We will provide any further details in Friday’s communication.

Best wishes and in partnership,
Dennis