

# Greenfield High School



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Dear Families of Greenfield High School,

Let me begin today by thanking each of you for your flexibility, understanding, and support. Our students have been so very respectful of the protocols and mitigation steps we have taken to keep them safe and their engagement in their learning has been outstanding. While we have encountered a few bumps in the road, I can't imagine a much better best-case scenario than what we have experienced during our first 3 weeks of in-person learning.

## After-School Pick-Up

We are continuing to work to improve our dismissal and pick-up process. To help continue to keep the end of the day moving we have reduced the time in between each wave of dismissal, we have added extra staff support along the 60<sup>th</sup> Street entrance, and we have worked with our bus company to get our busses in the lot sooner to allow more cars to enter off of 60<sup>th</sup> Street without being blocked.

Even with these steps we know that the car pick-up process has been trying at times as everyone tries to quickly pick up their children and carry on with their day. We have more families than ever picking up and more snow than we have seen in many years. **This combination of more cars and reduced visibility in the parking lot means that patience, graciousness, and understanding is more important than ever.** If moving through the pick-up line in a speedy fashion is a priority, please consider arriving after 2:35 when our initial rush has begun to clear out. We are continuing to consider re-routing some elements of our pickup procedures to create a single entry and exit point for afterschool pick-up; however, these changes would be more restrictive and likely lead to further backups on both 60<sup>th</sup> Street and on Layton Ave., and we wish to avoid this if at all possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Wednesday Schedules

After consultation with District leadership, and with the continued success of both our virtual Targeted Student Support and small group in-person learning experiences, we have made the decision that we will continue our Wednesday schedule as it is currently set for the remainder of the 2020/21 school year. This time will continue to be used for teachers to meet with students to support their learning in a variety of ways. This time is also protected for teachers to meet with any students who may be in quarantine and otherwise learning virtually. Just a reminder, like during our Fall Semester Wednesdays, attendance is required and will be taken for any students who are asked to meet with a teacher in a virtual Targeted Student Support session. Bus transportation is also available for any students who are requested for and wish to attend an in-person learning session.

## Prom & Graduation

The two most frequent questions our junior and senior students have asked upon their return to school have centered on Prom and Graduation. I am happy to share that we will be planning an in-person experience for both of these events this spring. These events are central parts of our students' high school experience and create life-long memories, and while they may look different than in years past, we are committed to bringing as much of these traditions to our students as we can. More details will be forthcoming soon, but you are welcome to circle your calendars for Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> for Prom and Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> for Graduation.

Again, my most sincere thanks for all of your support. It is so great to have our students back in our building each day and we are deeply appreciative for everyone's teamwork and understanding that allows us to bring in-person learning back to our students!

Best Regards,

Mr. Todd Willems, Principal

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