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Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to inform you that after detailed planning and rethinking of classroom spaces, student supervision, shifting schedules, allowing for necessary adjustments within our technology platforms, and working to continue to ensure safety in all spaces, we are ready to increase the capacity of our students for in-person learning. The current “hybrid plan” (Alpha and Omega cohorts) will combine into one cohort now referred to as “in-person learning”. Originally, we informed you that we would adjust learning plans at the end of January, however, with the upcoming return to 4 days a week, the survey below will take its place.

- All in-person learners will return to school 4 days a week beginning as follows:
 - January 19th for Elementary School students
 - February 1st for High School students
 - February 8th for Middle School students

Due to challenges with our data management system, SchoolTool and Schoology, it is best for our older learners to transition at the marking period break. We have discovered that when we allow transitions in the middle of a marking period, between in-person learning and distance learning, student work may disappear. Our younger learners will be able to transition earlier because this data is tracked differently.

- All in-person (previously the hybrid model) learners will:
 - Attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, eliminating Alpha and Omega cohorts,
 - Continue to attend remotely on Wednesdays,
 - Wear masks on buses, as we have consistently been doing,
 - Wear masks in classroom areas, where spacing does not meet the 6-foot distancing requirements.
- Students enrolled in 100% Distance Learning will continue to learn remotely.

At this time, we request that parents and guardians complete the survey linked below by Sunday, January 3rd. The linked survey asks parents/guardians to indicate if your child will be attending In-Person Learning or 100% Distance Learning and asks how we can continue to support all students while distance learning.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KtLKlY3tDEGU4Az1zjSEeAYiBuC39fBCKYg-IhliTKxUMU1LSjFIR1JFNzRaSTRJOElyUVBNUONRUy4u>

Data is indicating that the safest place for students is in school. We believe that in-person instruction is what is best for our learners and we are excited and eager to have our students back! We understand this choice may be difficult for some families and are here to answer any questions you may have. Please reach out to your building principal or reply to sveinfo@svecsd.org with your questions.

Be well,

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