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Dear NLSD Families,

With the news of returning to in-person learning, many families are reaching out to administration with questions. The biggest question is, will my child have their same teacher? We will make every effort to keep your child with their current teacher. However, we are not certain who the remote learners will be until we receive the data from your entries in PowerSchool. I would like to illustrate this point for clarity. Currently, a teacher may have 24 students in their first grade class. After parents choose their child's learning option, the teacher could end up having 20 remote learners. It would not be appropriate to run a classroom of 4 in-person students so adjustments may need to be made. These are the scenarios that we need to work out after the data is returned. As you can imagine, it is quite an undertaking. Once we receive that data, we will be able to communicate that to you.

Please do not base your decision on whether or not your child will have their same teacher. Instead, base your decision on whether or not you are comfortable with sending your child back to school, just like you did in July. The framework for in-person is similar to the plan we presented in July. Students and staff will be required to wear masks (exemptions for medical only) and self-screening is mandatory. These are non-negotiable. In order to open, we must follow these guidelines. If your child is unable to adhere to either of these options, kindly choose the remote option.

In regards to the remote option, you are all familiar with what that looks like. However, there may be a shift in teachers based upon the number of families that choose remote.

We understand that transitioning yet again can be extremely stressful. Our intention is to provide the very best that we can for our students. You may not agree with how this is done but please know that our students are at the forefront of every decision we make. Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of something I said back in the summer when you were first asked to make your choice. There is no right or wrong choice to make. If you choose what works for your family, then you have made the right choice. And whether remote or in-person, our amazing staff is dedicated to providing the very best education for our learners!

Sincerely,

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