

March 15, 2021

Good afternoon staff,

Dear Everett Public Schools staff,

I hope you had a nice weekend and took some time to rest. I am grateful for all of your tireless work and am excited that we were able to see our grades 4 and 5 students in the building today. I also want to bring you up to date on where we are for stage 5.

Last Thursday I sent an update to all staff sharing about stage 5a and 5b, which included a Targeted Student support model on April 12 and a concurrent model at the end of April. As a result of the governor's mandate on Friday that all students are given the opportunity to choose in-person learning by April 19, we are making adjustments to our previous plans.

Stage 5 is now inclusive of a concurrent model and will launch Monday, April 19. Secondary schools are still able to provide individual or small group targeted support to students, but it will not be part of the district's staged process to return students.

Today we will be communicating information about Stage 5 to our families, so they know we are in the process of bringing back our secondary students. In addition, this evening we will be sending a survey to 6-12 families asking for their preference, asking whether their student(s) will remain in remote or return to school. We sent the staff survey last Friday. The results of these two surveys will inform our ability to ensure the concurrent model will be effective, and to finalize what model we pursue.

Attached you will find the email that will be sent to families this evening for your reference.

If you have any questions, please contact your supervisor. Thank you for helping make this possible!

Be safe and be well,

Ian Saltzman