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WJUSD and Teacher Negotiations Update – March 3, 2021

DISTRICT AND TEACHERS' UNION MOVE CLOSER IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION BEGINNING ON APRIL 12, 2021

The District and WEA bargaining teams continued negotiations today for the implementation of Phase 3 Hybrid Instructional Model to commence on April 12, 2021. WEA presented a counter proposal affirming their understanding that, "based on Board direction, all schools grades Pre-K-12, will open to students using a Hybrid Instructional Model on Monday, April 12". WEA's counter proposal also "acknowledges the District's adoption of a concurrent schedule for grades 7-12", but not for elementary grade levels. The Associate Superintendent of Educational Services and other District representatives were invited to the session to answer questions from WEA regarding the District's plans for concurrent instruction in all grades, Pre-K-12. These District representatives emphasized the need for grades Pre-K-6 to also have the flexibility to utilize concurrent instruction with their students. The District's Educational Services representatives were well received by WEA who asked many questions which were readily answered.

We concluded our meeting by scheduling two additional negotiation sessions on Friday, March 5 and Friday, March 12. The parties will continue to work diligently and collaboratively to reach agreement for a safe return of staff and students on April 12, 2021.

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