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George Stevens Academy May Report

I apologize for not sending this out sooner, but we have been working on a number of important matters, and I wanted to wait until those were settled.

Bringing more students to campus each day.

Beginning on Monday, May 24, we will have all our hybrid students in the ninth and tenth grades on campus four days a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (and so ending the hybrid system for them. Students who are fully remote can remain so). Wednesdays will remain a day of classes for our fully remote students. Eleventh and twelfth graders will continue in the hybrid mode as now.

A number of considerations went into this, including balancing our desire for students to be on campus more frequently with the continuing need to meet distancing guidelines; feedback from parents and students; and thinking about how best to deliver curricula for the remainder of the year. The accompanying letter to parents has more details on the plan, and more on how we arrived at this decision.

End of the year

We are finalizing our plans for graduation and class night. As part of making this decision we polled all our seniors, to see their preferences. In essence, we wanted to know if they wanted these events on our campus, where there would be some restrictions on numbers, or at a venue with no capacity limits. Based on that feedback, we will have both events at GSA, on the front lawn. In order to maximize the number of guests we can have, we will designate areas for each family, spacing them at a distance of six feet. Families can bring as many people as can fit into their area. Graduation will be at the normal time on Sunday, June 13, with class night the afternoon before. Both ceremonies will be somewhat shorter than usual. I am glad we can do these in a more normal way than last year.

Prom

We will be having a prom, on Friday, May 21. It will be outdoors, and in the early evening, finishing before dark. Having it outdoors will make most things easier, and make for a more enjoyable event for the students, I think. We choose this date on the off chance that if someone who attends tests positive for the virus, any quarantining needed will be done by graduation weekend. Although we will be requiring attendees to dance six feet apart, won't

serve food, and will have other modifications so we can follow our guidelines, I am glad we can do something, and I know the students will enjoy it.

Athletics

Spring sports have started, and it is wonderful to be able to go a game, meet or match, be with other spectators, and watch our students. We have had an extraordinarily successful sports season so far, even with all the disruptions of the pandemic, with good participation and championships in cross country, basketball and volleyball.

Thank you for all you do for the children of your town.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Seeley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

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