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Divich Families,

It is hard to believe we are wrapping up the 10th week of school. I can't begin to express how proud I am of our staff, students, and families as we navigate through this unprecedented time in our history. When the original daily schedules were created, it was my hope that we would be able to mirror the typical student schedule, as closely as possible, to allow for an easy transition back into the building. Based on feedback from all stakeholders, I have decided that we pivot to a new student schedule. Here are some of the adjustments:

- most whole group instruction will take place in the morning
- less back and forth between live lessons and independent tasks
- school wide lunch time
- additional brain break time
- greater emphasis on small group instruction

I know change isn't easy, trust me, but I think this new schedule will allow for greater student engagement and addresses the most common concerns from our parent feedback survey. It is important that students follow the schedule as closely as possible. Live session attendance is so important, since time with their teacher for direct instruction is crucial to student success. An equally important time for students is small group instruction, which will allow your student to work with their teacher in a small group setting and receive specific and timely feedback on their work. Please ensure your student is present and on time for both their live and small group sessions.

We make this transition to a new schedule not knowing what the future holds. Superintendent Jara and his team are currently crafting a possible hybrid schedule for the Board of School Trustees to vote on at their next meeting, Thursday, November 12. There is no projected possible date to return to hybrid or in-person learning. If and when we make the transition to a hybrid or face-to-face model, we will have to transition to a more traditional school schedule.

Your child's teacher will be sharing the new daily schedule with you this morning, no later than 9:00 AM. This schedule will begin on Monday, November 2. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out directly to me at kammarw@nv.ccsd.net. Thank you and have a great three day weekend! Mr. K