



October 13, 2021

Hello Woodlands Families,

### **Woodlands Staff Attend Character Education Training at Alverno**

Seventeen members of the Woodlands staff make up a cross-campus team participating in the LACCS program , (Leadership Advancing Character and Culture in Schools), with Alverno College and the Wisconsin Character Education Partnership. The Woodlands team includes teachers, administration and teaching assistants that have committed to a unique, year-long learning community that provides leaders and their teams the knowledge base, resources, and skills to positively affect character development and social-emotional learning in their communities. Woodlands has made a three-year commitment to send cross-campus groups of staff to participate in the training. Each year the groups will work on a Character Education project that will impact the organization. We are looking forward to the continued learning.

### **COVID-19 Testing Coming to Woodlands**

Thanks so much to the Woodlands community for sharing your thoughts on our opportunity for COVID-19 testing at our campuses. We had over 300 responses with 99 additional comments. Over eighty-three percent of the respondents believed that we should explore the free COVID-19 testing for our schools. Of the parents surveyed, fifty-three percent would agree to testing for their students. At this time, the Woodlands Board of Trustees have approved Woodlands offering an OPTION for diagnostic testing for students and staff. The COVID-19 testing will be an OPTION provided for all staff and students. Families will have the option to sign an agreement to have their student tested. **Families that do not wish to have their student tested will NOT be required to agree to testing.** Additional information is available below:

- The testing company, Novir, will provide one or two staff per campus every day, (at the same time frame) for 1-2 hours to provide diagnosing testing onsite at each school.
- Parents and staff have the opportunity to complete consent forms to allow the company to give their child(ren)/them(staff) COVID testing at school during the day.
- Once the consent form is submitted, the parent/staff member will need to complete an online registration with the company in order to receive test results. (Staff who were tested at Woodlands last spring already have an account.)
- On any day, parents can send a written note to the school to ask that their child be tested. If we have a completed consent form, the child will be tested.
- On any day, Woodlands staff that have completed a consent form can be tested.
- The test is a nasal swab that goes into each nostril ½ to ¾ inch.
- Parents will not be allowed to be present for the testing.
- The test results will be available in 10-15 minutes.

We read every comment submitted and tried to design a testing program that honored the requests of the families that participated in the survey. The CDC recommends that schools provide frequent SARS-CoV2 screening testing programs for students, teachers and staff as a method of the layered prevention for COVID-19. More detailed information, by campus, will be sent home by the end of the week.



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**Early Release Day- Thursday, October 14, 2021**

We will have our very first Early Release Day at Woodlands on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Students will be dismissed at 2:00PM. (Car line/pool will begin at 1:45pm.) The Woodlands staff will spend time in professional learning about building a positive school/classroom culture and engaging in cross-campus collaboration. Thank you for helping to support this additional professional learning opportunity for staff.

**Thank you for choosing Woodlands for your students. You are an important part of our community!**

Sincerely,

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