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Hello Woodlands Families,

As we move into the holiday break, we would like to provide you an update on a few topics prior to our return in January 2021.

### **Woodlands Return to School Plan**

As was shared in a previous communication, Woodlands campuses are currently serving students through a virtual learning format. We will continue this learning format into January 2021. On Tuesday, January 12th at 6:00pm, the Woodlands Return to School Committee will meet to identify the criteria needed to move to Phase 2, (or B), the Hybrid Model of our Return to School plan as well as develop a survey for families and staff about their thoughts regarding moving into our Hybrid Model. The expectation is that the distribution of the survey occurs the week of January 18th. We will have an update for our Woodlands community before the end of the month of January.

### **Open Seats Remain for 2020-21**

We have open seats at both Woodlands campuses for the current school year. If you know of a family looking for a strong educational experience with a caring school community, please have them reach out to the State Street Campus at 414-937-2000 or the Bluemound Campus at 414-475-1600.

### **Woodlands Open Enrollment has Begun for the 2021-22 School Year**

Woodlands has begun its Open Enrollment process for current students and their families. If you have a student currently enrolled at one of Woodlands campuses and you would like your student to continue at Woodlands for the 2021-22 school year, we ask that you complete and submit a student registration form to your school registrar. We are also accepting registration forms for siblings of current Woodlands students. Registration forms have been mailed out to families based on the address we have on file for you. If you have not received your student registration form, please contact your campus and one will be sent out to you.

Enrollment will be opened for families outside of Woodlands later in January 2021. If necessary, we will hold a lottery for open seats. The date of the lottery will be publicized and noted in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Don't wait! Secure your child's seat at Woodlands for the 2021-22 school year now!

### **Woodlands 2020: A Clear Vision for our Future**

Woodlands has a strong history in serving students and families through a character-based education program focused on life-long learning of the whole child. We stand on this important foundation and look forward to remaining nimble in our ever-changing world. In October 2020, we introduced [Woodlands 2020: A Clear Vision for our Future](#). This effort was designed to have Woodlands stakeholders look forward to determine the educational future for our organization. We began with a future-focused session with Woodlands staff in October 2020. The effort will continue through the collaborative work of the Cross-Campus Cohesion



Committee to design opportunities for families and community members to engage in future-focused planning sessions in early 2021. More information will be forthcoming in January.

### **School Year 2021-22**

The planning is already underway for our upcoming school year! We are looking forward to incorporating the feedback from our stakeholders into our plans to move closer to our vision of being the best of what an urban education can be.

As we continue to maneuver through our current pandemic, we are not sure of the guidelines/recommendations that will come our way from national and local health officials. Currently, we are planning to have some form of face-to-face learning in fall 2021. What we **do know** is that our educational program is growing and improving to meet the needs of our students and community. Here are some exciting opportunities that will be available for our students and families at Woodlands:

- A renewed focus on discovery-based learning
- An integration of character-based learning with equity
- New partnerships with community organizations
- Additional leadership experiences for students
- Assessment on our student's proficiency on standards

As the whirlwind of 2020 comes to a close, we try to focus on the way it has brought us all together better as a society. We appreciate the creative ways 2020 has guided us to spend more time with our families and focus on the important things in our lives.

*So during this holiday season, we wish you good health, renewed spirit and great times with family. May peace, hope and joy be yours this holiday season.*

Sincerely,

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