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Dear Waverly Community,

We are conscious that as we send this letter, the rate of infection in Los Angeles County and beyond is very frightening. As we enter this next phase of sheltering in place in California, we continue to look ahead to when we can have students on campus safely.

Since our last letter, we've received some positive news. Our systems and protocols were approved by the Pasadena Health Department to allow for up to 25% of our student population to be on campus each day. Of course, there are significant limitations in place, but this is a crucial first step to allowing in-person experiences for our students. Like many of our peer schools, our planning began with our youngest, the K-3; our hope had been to have these students with us at the farm this month. Unfortunately, we had to postpone due to the alarming increase in infections in Los Angeles County.

When the situation in the county improves, we intend to offer in-person experiences for all of our students. To do this, we have to be mindful of several limitations: the daily limit of the total number of students allowed on campus, having carefully organized cohorts of no more than 12 students who meet regularly with only one Waverly adult, and ensuring there are adequate outdoor spaces to hold meetings. (You can read more about the regulations in the letter we sent to the community on October 23; attached.)

Upon returning from break, we will poll our teachers to gauge who is ready and able to supervise students. We will gauge your amenability as well. Once we have a real sense of numbers, we will establish and create groupings; the nature of the in-person meetings will be informed by the relevant age-group. Elementary classes will be engaged in outdoor activities and play at the farm. Similarly, at the middle and high schools the focus of in-person meetings

will be to build community and establish social connections. At all levels, in-person activities will supplement the ongoing remote learning program.

We miss each other and are eager to be together again. Let's all do our part to bring numbers down in the days and weeks ahead. We will get through this and will gather in safe and meaningful ways in 2021.

Looking forward,

Heidi Johnson
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