

Dear Westerly Families,

Throughout these next few weeks, we will be sharing important information with you about our physical and virtual campuses as well as our plans for returning to school in August. Hopefully you have already had an opportunity to note the updated <u>2020-21 calendar</u> and access other campus news in the latest edition of the <u>Wildcat Weekly</u>, which will continue to be sent every Sunday throughout the Summer.

The purpose of this note is to introduce you to our <u>2020-21 Westerly School Return to</u> <u>Campus Plan</u>. This plan to "reopen" has involved a wide array of experts and stakeholders including trustees, administrators, faculty members, and medical professionals. Through these multiple perspectives and various expertise, we have formed this inclusive plan to enable our educational community to come together again in safe and dynamic ways.

We will go over the Return to Campus protocols, answer questions, and review other logistics in a virtual Town Hall on Thursday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. Additional information, including what's happening on campus, continued preparations, and Town Hall details, will be provided in the coming weeks.

In closing, I write to you this week fully acknowledging that we remain deeply ensconced in a global pandemic that has changed the face of how we interact with each other, how we function in public spaces, and how we practice the art of education. Westerly will continue to provide resources and information to help all of us through this time. I am thinking of each of you and looking forward to our re-congregation as a community-though it may look different and unfamiliar, Westerly will be no less dedicated to fostering our children's love of learning and keeping our community connected in the safest way possible.

In partnership,

Dr. Lauren Plant Head of School