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Dear Families,

I am writing to let you know that the **first day of school for all students in grades K-12 has been delayed until September 14**. Classes will not begin next week. Unfortunately, while our facilities are ready to open safely, there are several areas that prevent us from starting on schedule, mainly the lack of substitutes for classroom positions, issues with our transportation routing software, and increased enrollments at certain grades and schools. I apologize for the inconvenience that this causes. We miss our students and look forward to seeing them soon!

We will begin with the hybrid schedule of Group A students in **all grades** attending school in person on Monday, September 14 and Tuesday, September 15. All Group B students will attend in person on Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17. Friday, September 18 will be a remote day for all. Appointments for Kindergarten Screening will **still be held** next week as scheduled.

Our staff will be reaching out to families to check in, introduce themselves, and answer any questions you or your children may have. We will also be in touch to inform you of bus schedules and school times. As always, please reach out to us by phone or email with your questions and concerns.

All of us appreciate your patience, support, and understanding as we make this difficult decision and prepare for the reopening of schools during this most challenging time. As a parent reminded me recently, it truly take a village to raise our children and we are fortunate to be in this together.

Take care, stay healthy and safe, and always be strong.

Peter Lancia

### Language Services

The Westbrook School Department provides interpreter services. If you would like to request an interpreter for a meeting or you require translation for reading a school form, please contact the Central Office at (207) 854-0800. After you are connected, please say the requested language and provide your name and telephone number. A staff person will return your call with an interpreter.