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Subject: Re: Pre-K Hybrid Concerns

Hello, Alicia.

Thanks for reaching out - I also received your voicemail message.

I appreciate the concerns expressed and the question asked. I know you and your colleagues have been working hard for our students, in particular this fall, and it is much appreciated. I know we all share the goal of having safe learning environments for our staff and students.

I believe the answers would come best from the superintendent as the chief administrator of the district and his team. I know he will be making the decision regarding moving to the next hybrid stage in consultation with administrators, board members, SPFE representatives and other partners. Whatever the decision tomorrow, I hope we can all remain focused on placing the needs of our students at the center of this discussion. We know that distance learning is not an adequate substitute for being in school for the long term. Many of our families continue to struggle with distance learning for our youngest learners, despite the best efforts of teachers and staff. The decision to NOT move forward with hybrid also carries risks with it - we should not kid ourselves into thinking any option is without downsides.

Thank you for contacting me,

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