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Dear OWS families,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying this amazing weather.

In recent weeks, we have seen various counties across Washington making announcements about their plans for the 2020-21 school year. Yesterday, our local districts confirmed that they will not be returning to campus in September based on new guidance from Thurston County's medical director. The recommendation was that all schools start the school year online based on increased COVID cases in our community. Also, yesterday, Governor Inslee noted that there has been decisions made by various school districts based on new data and promised further guidance from his office in the next few days.

As you know, we do not take the decision to reopen, in person or remote, lightly and want to have all the information before making a decision. Our status as an independent and fully accredited Waldorf School brings with it much needed support and guidance that we will lean on in times like these. We will be taking the next few days to gather information from our accrediting bodies as we await the governor's guidance.

In the meantime, your OWS Board of Trustees and leaders are here for you if you have any questions or concerns. We will communicate any major decisions to you as soon as we know them. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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