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Dear Kentfield School Community,

Today should be a day of celebration across Greenbrae and Kentfield! We want to express our sincere appreciation to our dedicated team of teachers, staff, administrators, and particularly our custodial staff, for the successful transition today to in-person instruction. We know that it took a tremendous amount of time, coordination, and hard work over many months by all our KSD teachers and staff to make this transition to Hybrid Instruction possible.

While we fully expect that there will be some challenges and new learnings in these initial weeks, we hope that everyone in our community feels a collective sense of gratitude, pride, and accomplishment in this major milestone of bringing students and teachers safely back to campus in the midst of a pandemic.

For those of you who were unable to attend our Tuesday November 10th school board meeting (<u>recording here</u>), we want to be sure that everyone is aware of our <u>statement on</u> <u>appreciation and unity</u> that our Board President read at the start of the meeting. In it, we publicly stated that we are <u>definitively</u> not in support, nor do we condone the signs placed at our schools last Monday, November 9th. We appreciate the swift action by our administrators, who appropriately removed the signs early Monday morning. Rest assured that we will not stand for our teachers feeling harassed or their views dismissed. Finally, on the subject of signs, the ones posted last night at Bacich and Kent stating that 'Teachers are Heroes' is definitely signage and a sentiment that we support wholeheartedly.

In closing, in a time where there is so much uncertainty and change in the world, we urge everyone to remember that we are all in this together in the Kentfield School District. As board members, we feel compelled to continue working with <u>all</u> of our district stakeholders with empathy, good will, and a steady focus on what's best for our students.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact our Superintendent Raquel Rose at <u>rrose@kentfieldschools.org</u> and our Board President, Heather McPhail Sridharan at <u>hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org</u>. As always, feedback is welcome and valued.

With deep gratitude,

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