Our bargaining team met with the district today. During this meeting, WSTA expressed concerns that WUSD has still not finalized schedules and did not present their revised 6th - 8th grade schedule. Tonight they shared three new versions of the elementary schedule for feedback. These schedules were completely different from the ones shared with parents in their survey and with the school board this past Thursday. Our bargaining team came back with questions and concerns regarding member prep time, COVID classroom capacity, and instructional minutes. When asked about the COVID classroom capacities, WUSD stated that they had not yet completed measuring all classroom spaces for COVID physical distancing in order to calculate maximum occupancies. This calculation is vital for the safety of staff and students. Furthermore, the district has not determined staff assignments for virtual versus hybrid positions or made possible roster adjustments to accommodate student model placement.

The upcoming negotiating dates are

- Thursday, March 4th
- Tuesday, March 9th
- Monday, March 15th

There is a special board meeting taking place Tuesday, March 2nd, that will have an open session, likely regarding these schedules and potential opening dates. As always, members are encouraged to make their voices heard to the board regarding their opinions, concerns, and questions about the District’s reopening plan for the hybrid model.

If you would like to give input about the information presented above, please contact WSTA at wsta.covid19@gmail.com.

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