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Dear Parents,

We have now completed six weeks of remote learning and I would like to commend you for how well you have all adapted. I would like to thank you, once again, for allowing us into your homes and partnering with us to contribute to the educational process for your child. We understand how hard it can be with all of the stresses of life these recent weeks have brought to us. Our incredible staff and I are experiencing the same stress and emotions as all of you. I truly believe that we will move through this crisis together and come out on the other side stronger and more appreciative than ever.

Today, I would like to ask you for your help. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Garfield Board of Education election is being held by mail-in ballots. In addition to voting for candidates to serve on the Board of Education, voters are also being asked to approve or reject the School Budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

I am asking you to strongly consider voting YES on the proposed school budget. Voting yes on the budget will enable the BOE to continue to provide programs and staffing for the students in our school and the entire Garfield School District.

If the budget is not passed, our Superintendent and the Board will need to make spending cuts, which has historically involved cutting student programs and reducing/terminating staff. I am worried that cuts to the budget will place us at a disadvantage, especially considering we as a school and a district are already dealing with the issues related to the coronavirus outbreak. At School #4, we have been making sustained progress each of the last five years and would not want to see that jeopardized by seeing cuts to our budget, teachers, or programs.

Thank you for being a valuable member of our school community and for everything you have done to help our staff and school during this difficult time. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my request. As always, please reach out with any questions and/or concerns.

Once again, thank you for all that you are doing to support your child's education.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey B. Wilson

