Dear Cascade Families,

Auburn School District is committed to improving student learning. One of our strategies for this improvement includes having teachers work collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), or small teaching groups, to ensure this continuous improvement.

Teachers working in professional learning communities:

* Align curriculum with the state standards for each course and grade level
* Examine students work
* Create common assessments or tests
* Analyze students’ testing data to determine goals to improve each student’s learning
* Identify students that need additional time and support to meet standard or move beyond the standards

Our schools are excited and dedicated to improving student learning through PLCs. The past eight years have shown all of us how effective these times can be and the Auburn School District is committed to continue having PLC designated Mondays with 60 minute “late starts.” Families can learn more about Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) by accessing the *PLC Home Page* on our district website at http://www.auburn.wednet.edu/plc.

The Professional Learning Community (PLC) Late Start Mondays are scheduled on the following dates throughout the 2020-21 school year. Buses will run one hour late and breakfast service will also be one hour late.

Auburn School District has worked with community partners and local daycares to identify options for families that may need childcare during these late starts. Childcare information can be found on the web link listed above. If you have any questions, please contact my office manager at klblack@auburn.wednet.eduor *253-931-4995*. Look for more information from Cascade as we share further exciting news.

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| **September 14, 21, 28** | **February 8, 22** |
| **October 5, 12, 19, 26** | **March 1, 15, 22, 29** |
| **November 2, 9, 16, 23, , 30** | **April 12, 19, 26** |
| **December 7, 14** | **May 3, 17, 24** |
| **January 4, 11, 25** | **June 7, 14, 21** |

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