

Dear 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Magnolia Academy, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Renaissance Real World Academy and 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Flabob Airport Preparatory Academy Families:

As we move into second semester in our temporary facility for our independent study programs, it is necessary to make changes that benefit all of our middle and high school students. Our Magnolia students have had substitute teachers in their high school English classes and middle school Math and Science courses this first semester. FAPA students have had to share Magnolia’s Science teacher. And both programs have benefitted from combining in our Spanish classes. Therefore, we plan on combining our staff and students in **all** our 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes beginning second semester, January 25, 2016.

Before continuing, I want to reassure you that this change is *Together but Separate*. Simply, Magnolia and FAPA students will be in the same classes taught by highly qualified credentialed teachers, but each program’s identities will remain intact. Students will continue to have their TOR or homeroom teacher. School start times and end times will remain the same for each program. Magnolia will remain a 3 day on-site program for our high schoolers and a 4 day program for our TK-8<sup>th</sup> graders. FAPA will continue to offer a 4 day program but it will be modified. In middle school, FAPA students will have their home study day on Mondays, instead of Wednesdays. In high school, FAPA students will be required to attend Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays for core classes. And Monday will be an optional, on-site tutoring day available for those FAPA students that need extra assistance in completing their work. Wednesdays will continue as CTE or elective days for both high school programs. [See Diagram below]

### Magnolia Students

Current	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7th/8th	Home Study	on-site	on-site	on-site	on-site
9th-12th	Home Study	on-site	CTE/Electives	on-site	on-site
2nd Semester	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7th/8th	Home Study	on-site	on-site	on-site	on-site
9th-12th	Home Study	on-site	CTE/Electives	on-site	on-site

### Flabob Students

Current	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7th/8th	on-site	on-site	Home Study	on-site	on-site
9th-12th	on-site	on-site	CTE/Electives	on-site	on-site
2nd Semester	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7th/8th	Home Study	on-site	on-site	on-site	on-site
9th-12th	Optional tutoring/Home Study	on-site	CTE/Electives	on-site	on-site

This change allows our middle school students to learn from 3 teachers specializing in only two subject areas – Language Arts/History with Ms. Fisk, Science/PE with Ms. Evans, and Math/Special Interests with Ms. Moore. In high school, Magnolia students will no longer have a substitute in English. FAPA students will receive PE and/or Health instruction from a credentialed PE teacher. All coursework offered in each program will be available to all students.

In looking ahead, I think you will agree that this decision is a short-term solution that meets our students' needs until our permanent sites are completed. Each program will enjoy the expertise of personnel combining forces to help your student succeed academically. My hope is that being *Together but Separate* will have many advantages at River Springs Charter School for your child.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Voechting  
Principal  
Magnolia Academy  
Renaissance Real World Academy  
Flabob Airport Preparatory Academy  
River Springs Charter School  
[beverly.voechting@springscs.org](mailto:beverly.voechting@springscs.org)