

the
CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Charter School Families,

I hope that this letter finds you well. Next week, many in our community will be participating in a Virtual Project Period and the Middle School teachers look forward to celebrating our Grade 8 students. I know that you have specific questions regarding how the Charter School will serve our community in the fall. This week, I participated in a conference call with Commissioner Riley. Unfortunately, we were not provided specific information as to how we will welcome back students onto Main Street in September.

The Commissioner, in conjunction with the Federal and state agencies, is taking a cautious approach. He and members of his administration are closely monitoring how schools around the world are currently opening their doors to students. The Commissioner understands that we are all anxious about how the schools will open. Still, he encourages us to “embrace ambiguity” as all future decisions will be made with considerations to the health and safety of students and staff. Commissioner Riley was clear that the progress of COVID-19 will dictate how the state responds.

We expect specific guidance from the Commissioner late next week. Even though we do not have answers at the moment, please know that the Charter School is currently planning in anticipation of this announcement. Our process currently entails regular meetings with our Building Transitions Team, which includes members of Administration, the Student Services department, the Business Manager, and the School Nurse. We also hold frequent meetings with our Academic Transitions Team, which includes members of the Administration and the Student Services department. These two teams consider changes that may need to be made to our facilities, staffing, and curriculum. We are considering multiple options in anticipation of the recommendations from the Commissioner.

I assure you that I will provide you with regular updates and advisories related to the opening of school for the 2020-2021 school year throughout the summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,



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Director