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CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Charter School Families,

I know that many of you are wondering what school will look like in the fall, and I wanted to update you on the committee work that is currently underway. As we shared with you a few weeks ago, Commissioner Riley asked that every school prepare for three models: 1) all students return to school with appropriate CDC protocols in place; 2) all students learn remotely, and 3) a hybrid of learning at school and remotely.

The Building Transition Team is meeting regularly to explore the possibility of bringing all students back to campus in the fall. We are looking through the available data to determine how we can maximize our current physical learning space. Your input is critical. If you have not completed the family survey, please click:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexlkEcZ6xEGrzvdvN1QImOJpwHbQsPlb1HzOWmala8VZevnA/viewform>

In addition, we also have a research group made up of teachers, administrators, and parents that are looking at how to build a more robust learning experience for our students in the event that we need to go back to virtual learning. This group is looking through the PTO's spring survey data and conducting interviews to explore what went well and where we need to improve.

If you have any additional information that you would like to share, please email me. I believe that if we all participate, we can turn this crisis into an opportunity to improve our educational system while staying true to our Charter Pillars.

If you are interested in looking at some of the training our teachers are currently participating in, here are links to explore:

- <https://www.modernteacher.com/> - Modern Teacher, promotes individualized learning experience for our students through virtual learning.
- <https://readingandwritingproject.org/about> - The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. Ms. Natalie White is working with our teachers to adapt Lucy Calkins' work to an online environment.
- <https://www.ibo.org> - Our high school teachers continue to move forward for our IB certification in the spring of 2021.

Please know that we are working hard to get your children back to school in the safest way possible. Stay well and enjoy these dog days of summer.

Sincerely,



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Director