

February 22, 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that this letter finds you well and safe.

When I last wrote to share an update about our reopening plans, I shared that we had seen two weeks of decline in COVID-19 case rates. I'm happy to report that we have seen a three-week decline in COVID-19 case rates and are now prepared to begin with our phased reopening plans. Please read below for updates on our reopening plans and state testing.

REOPENING PLANS

We have been committed to safety and excellence since the beginning of the pandemic and we are unwavering in that commitment. To that end, we will pursue our reopening plans in a phased manner.

Phase I - Pilot with Volunteer Staff and Targeted Scholars

Phase I will begin on March 16, 2021, starting with a pilot for a targeted group of scholars.

Participation in the pilot will prioritize scholars based on a number of criteria including:

- o Academic performance
- Attendance
- Social emotional support

School teams will be reaching out **directly to families of scholars who are selected based on the criteria above to participate and to confirm interest**. Capacity in the pilot will be **very limited** based upon the number of staff who have volunteered. Transportation for the pilot will be available for those families who were assigned to a bus at the beginning of the year.

School leaders and teachers who will be participating in the pilot will begin to return to our buildings over the next two weeks to prepare. Staff and scholars who participate in the pilot will complete **health and safety training**.

Phase II - Face-to-Face with Choice for All Scholars

Phase II will begin on April 19, 2021. This includes an option for face-to-face learning for all scholars. Please be on the lookout for additional communication with all the details for Phase II the week of March 8, including a link to opt in to face-to-face learning beginning in April. Transportation will be available for the remainder of the school year to those families who were assigned to a bus at the beginning of the year.



MILESTONES STATE TESTING UPDATE

At this time we are still awaiting information about state testing for this school year. The state of Georgia has requested a waiver but at this time testing is scheduled to begin in April. Depending on state testing requirements, our school schedule may change for scholars in tested grades. We will communicate as soon as we know more.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

With gratitude,

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