



RANDOLPH

Dear Randolph Community:

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the holiday weekend. As my family and I have begun to settle into Huntsville and the Randolph community, we have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome we've received and are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity we've experienced. Thank you so much.

In this email, we are sharing our first version of our [Return to School Plan](#). Please carefully read through this document as it outlines a number of new procedures that will be in place when school opens next month. As you review the plan, keep the following in mind:

- ***The plan is still evolving.*** Only a week has passed since our last communication when we shared that our intent is to begin the school year in Level 2. Since that time, the number of confirmed COVID-19 infections in Huntsville has increased significantly and a county-wide face covering ordinance has been implemented. We are monitoring the situation very closely and are forming a team that includes local medical professionals to determine specific criteria for evaluating our level of operation as well as our response to confirmed cases in our school. Although we have not yet changed from our plan to open in Level 2, we will be prepared to open the school year in Level 3 or, if necessary, Level 4.
- ***Additional procedures are being developed and will be shared in a weekly communication.*** There is much work left to do and our planning committees continue to meet regularly to ensure we will be fully prepared to start school in a safe and supportive setting.
- ***The success of the plan relies on the commitment of all members of our community.*** Each of us plays a role in educating our children on the importance of following these procedures and taking steps outside of school to mitigate our risk of exposure. Following the guidelines of the local mask ordinance, avoiding high risk environments, reporting symptoms or a confirmed case in your family to the school, and keeping children home who have COVID-19 symptoms help to reduce the risk of infections on our campus.

We will dedicate time at the beginning of the school year to educate and train students on the importance of following all procedures. Your support in reinforcing the

procedures is critical. Additionally, look for videos and other communication we will share over the next several weeks outlining specific elements of the plan and ways to discuss them with your children.

There are two additional decisions the school has made to help support families during this difficult time:

- ***Fees associated with typical class trips in grades 4 – 9 will be credited to accounts.*** While we hope to be able to offer day field trips and other grade level experiences, it is unlikely that trips traditionally associated with these grade levels will be possible. These credits will reduce the total due now for students in these grades.
- ***For families who desire that their children begin the year in full virtual learning due to health and safety concerns (including, but not limited to, underlying medical conditions), that option will be available.*** We are developing plans to offer a virtual option that will allow students to continue with the Randolph program so that they will be prepared to return to the classroom at a later date.

Finally, we value the feedback we have received from parents since our last communication. [*If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by clicking here.*](#) We have modified the survey to allow for additional comments and to select interest in beginning the year in a fully virtual option. If you would like to change your initial response, we ask that you retake the survey by Wednesday, July 15th.

Many of you have taken the opportunity to share your support of the school and your confidence in the work being done to prepare for a safe and smooth return to school next month. Thank you for your support and encouragement. We are excited about beginning the year and the return of students to campus. We're hopeful that these plans, as well as those yet to be shared, will encourage all families. Know that your family's well-being is extremely important to us. We wish you well!

Sincerely,

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