



Dear Randolph Community,

Thanks to our students, parents, faculty and staff, we enjoyed a strong and successful close to the 2019-20 school year. We look forward to celebrating our senior class with our Baccalaureate services scheduled for June 19th and our Commencement Ceremony scheduled for June 20th. Due to protocols we have put in place because of COVID-19, we will be limiting the number of guests for each event with our senior families having priority. We will share more details about Baccalaureate and Commencement in a separate communication.

I would like to share with you the plans we have in place this summer to prepare for the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as we look forward to the start of the 2020-21 school year. **Please know that our highest priority continues to be the health, safety, and well-being of all members of our school community.**

Our current plans are to welcome students back on campus for in-person instruction in August. Our return to campus will include a new set of protocols and policies that will ensure the health of our school community. We are currently in the process of launching our **COVID-19 Planning Teams** that will be comprised of faculty, staff, administrators, trustees and parents charged with working on every aspect of preparation for the 2020-21 school year. This group will develop parameters to guide next year's institutional planning for the multiple instructional scenarios, including on-campus classes, virtual classes, and a hybrid of both on-campus and virtual classes.

The planning teams will consist of nine subcommittees that will research and monitor the many variables that evolve daily, and develop our best recommendations with available information and guidance in the following areas:

- Health and Safety
- Teaching and Learning
- Student and Family Support
- Employee Relations
- Athletics and Physical Education
- Communications and Community
- Relationships
- Technology Infrastructure
- Admission and Campus Visitors
- Finance and Business Operations

Each team will consider the guidelines outlined from federal, state, and local government and health agencies, as well as recommendations and best practices from the National and Southern Associations of Independent Schools and other educational leaders. The teams will be charged with providing recommendations that can be implemented in each of the instructional scenarios for the 2020-21 school year. Senior leadership from both the administration and the Board will partner to make recommendations and decisions for the coming year. Flexibility will be a major component of our work together and recommendations will depend on how the public health emergency continues to unfold in the coming weeks.

Our hope will be to announce our operational framework for the 2020-21 school year by mid-July. Once the announcement is made, we will provide all the necessary details and protocols that you will need to be aware of as we approach the start of the school year.

In closing, I want to reiterate that our **highest priority continues to be the health, safety, and well-being of all members of our school community**. Please know how much I appreciate your continued understanding and patience as we navigate the many challenges and uncertainties that the pandemic presents for our school community. I plan to provide you an update regarding our ongoing summer work in the next few weeks. Once again, thank you for partnership and entrusting us with the overall education, growth and development of your children.

Sincerely,

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