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Dear parents/guardians;

I wanted to update you on our reopen status and plans we have for a safe transition back to in-person instruction. We will also follow up with a parent town hall on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5pm.

RETURN TO SCHOOL DATE

Currently our plan is to reopen on Monday, March 1, 2021 using a hybrid model for instruction. Remaining in 100% virtual is still an option and students selecting in-person instruction will be assigned to one of 2 cohorts:

*Cohort A- Monday/Tuesday in person

OR

*Cohort B- Thursday/Friday in person

On the days your child is not in-person, they will participate in the lessons virtually. Wednesday will continue to be an asynchronous teaching day.

SELECTION DEADLINE

You previously selected either in-person or virtual for your child in November when we were first planning to reopen. We will be using that list to finalize our cohort lists. If you have changed your mind, you have until Friday, February 12 to change your selection. **CHANGES TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 12.** A letter indicating your child's assignment will be sent to you in the next few days. If you decide to change to in-person instruction, be mindful that transportation may not be in place by March 1.

COVID VACCINE AND TESTING

The Charter School sector is distributing the vaccine to all school-based staff through One Medical based on our plans to return to in-person learning. Once our staff members are eligible for the vaccine, they will receive an email from One Medical with instructions for accessing available vaccination appointments. Vaccines are not mandatory for return to work, though they are highly encouraged.

COVID testing is being made available through a Curative kiosk outside of our building. It is available to the public, so parents/families may also sign up for an appointment through their website www.curative.com. At this time we are not completing surveillance testing of staff or students.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We are working hard to ensure our building is set up per the health & safety guidelines determined by the CDC and DC Health. A walk through with our health & safety liaison will be conducted before we reopen. Our reopen plan is posted on our website. I look forward to seeing you at the town hall next week!

Christie Mandeville
Principal

