



CLASSROOM CONNECTION DAY SCHOOL

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Dear CCDS Family,

We hope you are enjoying the summer weather, even though we may not be partaking in our typical summer activities. We are almost halfway through our ESY session! As you may know, both the governor and the state board of education have released legislation and guidance for school reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year. As you can imagine, planning for re-opening safely is an extremely complex challenge and our staff is working diligently on our plan. We are attending webinars, have formed committees to research and discuss the pros and cons of each scenario and are feverishly working to develop protocols, procedures and policies for a successful school year.

We have not definitively determined all of the aspects of our reopening plan yet, but have some information we would like to share. We hope to plan on an option for in-person instruction in the Fall, but this will be determined by following the science, data and state guidelines as we get closer to the beginning of the school year. We are preparing for a number of possible scenarios (full-time in person instruction, blended programming or full-time remote learning). We do know this will look very different than in the past, due to safety restrictions. If we do resume in person-instruction, it will be required that ALL staff and students wear a face shield OR face covering that covers the nose and mouth. Exceptions to this can only be allowed if a doctor's note is sent from your child's treating physician noting a medical reason. Please submit those letters to Linda Ferguson at lindafccx@gmail.com if your child is unable to wear a face mask or shield for medical reasons. We would ask that these letters are submitted as soon as possible in the event that in-person instruction is resumed.

CCDS will be following all ISBE and IDPH guidelines for cleaning, PPE, health screenings, medical protocols, social distancing, staggered arrivals/departures, one-way hallways and other health and safety protocols to the best of our ability. The students' safety is our first priority. That being said, we know families still have many concerns around the virus and the safety of their children, thus, full-time remote learning will be an option for the Fall, even if in-person instruction is resumed. If you would like to elect for this option, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing Kari Becker at karibccx@gmail.com.

We know this is a concerning and confusing time. We are here for you and your family and will be communicating frequently over the next few weeks in regard to our reopening plan. We will do our best to continue to help your children grow through this challenging time.

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