



CORNERSTONE CHARTER ACADEMY
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Dear Cornerstone Community,

I hope this letter finds all of our families happy and healthy! Although the school year is still young, it has already been an extraordinary journey. This journey will continue into its next phase with the Governor's announcement that elementary grade public schools may now return to school in "Plan A." Plan A allows elementary grade levels to return to school at 100% capacity with social distancing when feasible. Because we believe that the best place for our students is in front of our teachers, we are currently in the process of planning the return for our K-5th grade students. This letter is intended to provide a timeline for Cornerstone's return plan.

Before we get into more specific details, it is important to understand these critical distinctions between Plan A and our current Plan B model:

- ❖ In Plan A, social distancing is only required when feasible. Because of the capacity of our classrooms, social distancing in the classroom is not feasible. However, masks will remain required, and students will be arranged in the classroom in the safest way possible.
- ❖ Because of the need for more focused attention by our teachers, the full return in Plan A will necessitate that we discontinue the cohorts found in Plan B. All K-5 students who opt for face to face instruction will return 4 days a week, M/T/Th/Fr.
- ❖ Families who have opted for remote instruction will remain in remote instruction. We will be using the transitional time to ensure that there is no interruption to our remote instruction plan.
- ❖ Families that do not want to return full-time have the option of entering the remote instruction program.
- ❖ Wednesday will remain a remote learning day for all students.

This transition will require some significant changes within the K-5 grade levels, but we feel that it is essential that we work through those changes in order to provide the face to face instruction that many of our students need. These changes include, but are not limited to, staffing, daily schedule, finances and budget, cleaning protocols, and facility transitions. Because some of the changes are so significant, we are going to return to school in designated phases. This will allow us to make changes gradually, discern their impact, and make any necessary adjustments.

Listed below are the dates for student return. In addition to this letter, I will be hosting a Zoom Meeting on Thursday October 1st at 7:00 p.m. for our Kindergarten - 5th grade parents who have questions about our transition. Following the meeting there will be a brief survey we would like you to fill out to assist us in our planning. Information on the Zoom meeting is found below.

Return To School Dates

October 26, 2020	Kindergarten students return full time.
November 2, 2020	1st Grade students return full time.
November 16, 2020	2nd Grade students return full time.
November 30, 2020	3rd - 5th Grade students return full time.

Zoom Meeting Details

Topic: Return To School - Plan A Meeting
Time: Oct 1, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6716823090?pwd=VXgyTG1DekdHVnNDTjAzWXFKOGhJQT09>

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Thank you to all of our families for your patience and continued support for Cornerstone. I look forward to talking with many of you on Thursday night!

Sincerely,

Joe Caraher
Director