



CORNERSTONE CHARTER ACADEMY

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Dear Cardinal Community,

Good morning! I think it is appropriate to begin by paraphrasing the eminent Greek philosopher Heraclitus. It seems that the only constant in this pandemic is change. Late in the day yesterday, Governor Roy Cooper announced that beginning on October 5th elementary schools are permitted to move to Plan A, which removes the 50% cap for capacity in a building. We received this news at the same time as everyone else, and it caught us (and I suspect many others schools and districts) by surprise.

My staff and I will begin the process of understanding the implications of this change for Cornerstone this morning. Because the number of K-12 schools is small throughout the state, many of the state generated plans do not always take into account our unique set of challenges. Fortunately, the North Carolina Office of Charter Schools (OCS) has been extremely helpful in providing implementation guidance. We anticipate in the coming days we will receive additional guidance and clarification from not only the OCS, but also the various other state agencies which work alongside us.

It remains our position that the best place for our students is in the classroom in front of our teachers as long as we can do that safely for students, staff, and families. We will look closely

at the information we are provided and determine if we can meet the requirements provided by the state and if we are able to provide a safe learning environment for all our students and staff.

As we did through the summer we will continue to communicate our plans with our families throughout the coming days.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support for Cornerstone!

Sincerely,

Joe Caraher