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Dear Parents,

What an adventure the last month and a half has been! I cannot begin to express my gratitude to both our amazing staff and families as we have navigated online learning platforms, varied internet speeds, distance assessing, remote meetings and so much more. As with all things in education, it has taken so much monitoring and adjusting, but I am so proud of how everyone has persevered.

After many conversations with our local health department and the governor's office, we have determined that due to our small school and small class sizes, we will be able to reopen for the end of the school year. As always, the health and safety of our staff and students is a primary concern. Inasmuch, this letter is intended to help answer some of your questions.

#### **What guidelines are you using for planning your reopening?**

**The State of Idaho Rebound Plan:** We are aligning our transition plans with the reopening plan outlined on [rebound.idaho.gov](http://rebound.idaho.gov). As part of the governor's plan that was put forth on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April he allowed for "daycares, youth activities, and camps" to reopen in "phase 1" starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

In speaking with the governor's office yesterday, I was told that we would be included in this classification, and that the governor's reasoning for putting services to kids in phase one was to provide safe places for kids to be as their parents return to work.

**The State Board of Education:** While the State Board of Education doesn't oversee private institutions, they have set some protocols that we are taking into consideration.

- **Cleaning:** Before reopening, the school will be fully deep cleaned by a professional cleaning service. All surfaces that cannot be kept properly sanitized will be put away and kept to a minimum for the remainder of the year.
- **Students with Compromised Immune Systems:** For any students who cannot return to school due to a diagnosed immune compromising circumstance, we will continue to offer a version of our online classes until the end of May.
- **Staff with Compromised Immune Systems:** For staff who cannot return to school physically, they will be reassigned to positions that allow them to continue to work remotely.
- **Absences:** While we will not count absences for the remainder of the year, students will still require students to turn in the minimum required work (determined by the classroom teacher) to show mastery of their subjects.

#### **What will the day to day health procedures look like?**

- All students will have their temperatures checked upon arrival. Any student with any fever or other symptoms of illness, will be asked to return home and remain there until they are 24hrs symptom free. (as per our health policy)

- Any students or teachers who would like to wear a mask during the day will be allowed to do so.
- All students and staff will be required to increase their overall handwashing.
- Student learning areas will be cleaned with bleach on an ongoing basis.

### **What about my student's grades and transcripts for this year?**

All students will be receiving Pass/Fail grades for the final quarter of the year. Report cards and transcripts will be issued once your student has completed their work, required assessments, and once your school financial accounts are settled and ready for next school year.

### **Will there be an end of the year celebration/graduation?**

We still plan to celebrate our students this year, as long as we can plan to do so in a manner that is safe for all in attendance. Our goal at this point is to identify an outdoor location where we can spread out and enjoy the fresh air while celebrating all that has been accomplished this year. Please stay tuned for additional information.

### **What is the timeline for reopening?**

We are planning for a soft reopen beginning next week, provided that there are no changes to the governor's staged reopening timeline beginning May 1st. Next week there will be **no classes** either online or in person Monday or Tuesday. On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> we will have our first day of in person classes. 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will only be in session from 9-noon on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> of May, while students in Kindergarten and under will resume their class schedules as they were prior to the COVID-related shutdown (eg; full-day kids will resume full-day schedules, part-time students will resume their same pickup and drop off times).

On May 11<sup>th</sup> we will resume our regular school schedule for **all** students until the end of the year.

Our goal for the end of the year will be for students to finish this year strong with good memories and a healthy schedule with their friends and teachers. We hope to include as many hands-on projects and outdoor activities as we can.

Thank you again for all you have done these last few months to make a very hard situation much easier through your love and support. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions as we move forward.

Blessings,

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