

July 8, 2020

Dear Brighton Families –

First, I hope you are in good health and good spirits and enjoying the long, warm days of summer and family time, whether on vacation or stay-cation.

I write now to share our plans for reuniting in the fall. Because there is much uncertainty as to how the next several months of COVID-19 Pandemic will play out, I recognize that comprehensive planning is critically important.

### **Return to Campus or Online Academy Kindergarten through 8th Grade**

There are two options for your family to consider. We are inviting all our students to **Return to Campus** in September and have outlined possible school-operation scenarios. Responding to students and families who may need or desire a full-year or half-year fully-online program, we have developed our own **Online Academy**. The Online Academy will be an extension of our campus, with lessons and programs that will keep Academy students connected to classmates all year, but with a mature online curriculum and an interactive learning platform that will greatly enhance students' ability to learn from home. Tuition for both options -- Return to Campus or Online Academy -- is the same. Please see [attachment](#) for our reopening plans. Note that, in particular, the Health and Safety government regulations are subject to change. We will send and post updates to the content of our *Reopen > Reunite* guide on our school website to reflect these changes as they occur.

I anticipate that most of our students will return to campus, but if you wish to learn more about the Online Academy, please contact me directly. Or, to reserve a place in the Online Academy, please notify us by simply [clicking on this link and completing the Online Academy OPT-IN](#) form to confirm your interest by Friday, July 17.

### **Preschool and PreKindergarten**

Some of our earliest learners returned to campus a few weeks ago for summer camp, and we are eager to welcome all in September. We are excited to be able to also offer a fully online option for preschool and pre-K students who would like to learn and engage with our school entirely from home. We will send a description of our Early Childhood Education (ECE) Online Program later this week, and I welcome the opportunity to speak with any of you who may prefer this option for the fall or who simply seek more information.

### **Reopen > Reunite**

The administration team at Brighton has taken great care at identifying the capacity of our building, our registration numbers, and our ability to redefine how we use our spaces to safely distance students yet allow them all to attend school 5 days per week. While we are in the final stages of our plan, our goal is to creatively make this happen!

Our school map may look very different than it has in previous years but we are determined to allow for students and staff to safely return. Students would be in cohorts which remain together with their teacher all day every day with plenty of sanitization procedures, etc. in place to maintain a clean environment.

The team and I have also been working diligently on creating a seamless transition to Distance Learning should the need arise. We are prepared to offer families and students a much more predictable schedule, rigorous curriculum, and well-defined instructional minutes, activity minutes, and so much more.

We will be limiting people on campus to staff and students only but we have comprehensive plan for a smooth drop off and pick up system to ensure that all students remain safe and parents can quickly get on their way to work! Field trips will not be taking place, at least through 2020, however, our amazing PTO is working with administration to identify ways to offer students additional in class experiences. Specialists will still be a vital part of our curriculum and we will have a defined wellness (social/emotional) curriculum imbedded in our daily structure.

Our plan to reopen and reunite in September is taking shape nicely, but we anticipate small changes throughout the summer. For the remainder of this summer, we are committed to sending school-opening details every two weeks and more frequently, as needed. Our next communication will include a school handbook update with COVID-19 safety measures and consent.

Thank you for your partnership and ongoing support of Brighton. I am counting down the days until we can all be together again!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Adams

Head of School