Dear Carrollton Community,

Seeing all of you and your daughters in the recent caravans, as we brought this unusual academic year to a close, filled me with joy and hope. Our campuses have been too quiet, and we needed their smiles and enthusiasm. With that in mind, we continue to work hard to establish the appropriate protocols and procedures that would allow us to have all students return safely to campus in August for the 2020-21 academic year. At the same time, our plans include remote capability from each class (even those held outdoors) so students who are unable or reluctant to return physically can attend virtually. As we continue to refine our plans for re-opening our campuses, I write to share some of the protocols that you should expect in the coming year:

- Use of face masks throughout the day. There will be breaks allowed when outside and properly distanced. We are ordering a Carrollton mask for every student, teacher, and staff member.
- Distancing in all areas of the school as indicated by signs that will be in place for spacing and foot traffic flow.
- Daily attestation (most likely via an app) that a temperature and symptom check has been performed at home before sending your daughter(s) to school.
- Temperature screenings during the day.
- Outside time and classes as much as possible.
- Scheduled handwashing/sanitizing throughout the day.
- Scheduled cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- Restructuring classroom furniture to limit face to face seating.
- No large group gatherings.
- Strictly limiting visitors and restricting them to specific areas.

The work on facilities to accommodate our plans has already begun and will continue throughout the summer. While we continue to work during the summer to make decisions about how the school day will look in the fall, I ask that you complete this short survey. Your responses will better inform the final stages of our planning. A document that shares planning, preparations, and protocols will be sent to you at the end of June.

Navigating through the last three months, our worry and stress levels may be understandably high. I hope we all take time this summer to pause, play, pray, reflect, listen, have conversations, and find time to focus on our health and well-being so we can return in August re-energized and ready to face what the future may bring together. With your well-being in mind, you may want to look into The Science of Well-Being, the most popular course in the history of Yale University. As we welcome the opportunity to safely visit with our extended family, our desire for physical contact understandably increases. While all medical experts agree that physical contact should be avoided, I share this article from the NYTtimes on how one might hug more safely during this pandemic.

However you choose to spend your summer, please stay safe and well; rest assured that we are diligently preparing and eagerly awaiting to welcome your daughters into a stronger and better normal.

Read, Rest, Pray, and Re-create,

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