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HANCOCK DAY SCHOOL AD-HOC  
HEALTH & EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Proposed Plans for the Fall

Dear Families,

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community, have responded to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19. I am very proud of the way our HDS students, parents, staff, and community leaders have handled the demands we were faced with to protect everyone as we continue to educate our students during the most unusual of circumstances. As you know, there continues to be concerns and questions related to how our school plans to reopen in August.

That being said, we are writing to keep you apprised of our plans for our students' return to campus in the fall.

Hancock Day School is planning on opening the 2020/2021 school year, as previously announced, on Tuesday, August 18. Our sixth graders will begin their year with an orientation day on Monday, August 17.

The Health and Education Advisory Committee continues to work

diligently to fine-tune our on-campus opening plan. Due to the nature of complexity to ensure the safety of our HDS community, we need to develop sound operational guidelines. These operational guidelines and best practices, in light of the pandemic, are being vetted by members of the medical, educational, and legal fields. Because best practices for addressing COVID-19 are evolving week to week, we will continually adapt our plans through the summer to conform with those best practices.

It is our responsibility to plan a reopening based on our collective judgment of what is safest for our school's children, families, and staff. We intend to share the plan with you, although it is provisional and could be changed or modified in the future based on the medical and legal interpretation of the ever-changing advice and evidence regarding COVID-19.

While it is current plan to reopen our physical campus and resume in person instruction, our collective wellbeing hinges on the ability of each family to make safe and responsible choices. The plans outlined in the full Health and Education Advisory Committee document are designed to protect our community during the school day, but the success of our plan will be impacted by the choices families make during the remaining hours of the day when they are not at school. Understanding that we have students, faculty, and staff members in the high risk categories, we urge all members of our community to remember that the choices we make individually are our best defense against COVID-19.

You will find our full Health and Education Advisory Committee document by clicking [HERE](#).

Please note that the [Parent Consent Waiver](#), [Health Policy](#), [Return to School Protocol Form](#), and [Rules and Regulations Checklist](#) must be

signed and returned to the front office prior to the first day of school.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

**The Hancock Day School Health and Education Advisory Committee**

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