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Dear Leading Edge Academy Families,

We are excited to announce that we will be returning to school as planned on August 3, 2020. As we have entered the summer months, our focus has been to develop a responsible and reasonable plan for reopening our schools. Our leaders have been hard at work developing a plan that will provide a safe and positive learning environment while at the same time providing our students with the familiar structures of school that have helped them to be successful.

Throughout this upcoming school year, we are committed to communicating effectively with families to ensure that information is readily available and updated as things evolve. At this time we want to share with you some of the safety measures we will be taking as part of our return to school plan:

- All students and staff will be temperature checked upon entry to school each day.
- Intensify our regular cleaning and disinfecting procedures in all schools.
- High touch surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Masks may be worn but will not be required for students or staff.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available in all classrooms and throughout the building.
- Maintain our typical smaller classroom sizes and socially distance students in classrooms as much as possible.
- Minimize the number of students in common areas such as the cafeteria and playgrounds. Recess and lunch will still occur but with limits on the number of students.
- Limit the use of shared materials in classrooms.
- Limit volunteers/visitors on campuses.
- Teach and reinforce proper hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Train all employees on health and safety protocols.
- Post signage showing best practices for hygiene and sanitation.
- Develop and implement communication protocols regarding COVID-19 cases.
- Limit event sizes and continue to utilize virtual platforms for events when appropriate.

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As part of our process, we will also be providing to parents an updated health policy which will take into account our COVID-19 protocols. These will include the protocols for school temperature checks, symptom awareness, and the expectations for staff, students, and parents that will help to maintain a safer environment. As always, parents should determine their child's health status before arriving to school and are responsible for keeping their child at home should they present symptoms of any illness.

While it is our desire to return students to a safe and familiar learning environment, we also understand that some families may not be ready to return to a regular in person school environment. Therefore, Leading Edge Academy will also be offering a comprehensive online learning platform that will allow students to maintain their seat in their enrolled brick and mortar school. Additional information will be provided to families interested in exploring this option.

Leading Edge Academy will remain in close communication with state and local leaders regarding the pandemic situation and will remain flexible and prepared to modify our return to school plan should that become necessary. Given the fluidity of the situation, communication will continue to be provided as the most current information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support of Leading Edge Academy.

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