



June 26, 2020

Dear Guthrie Families,

We are writing today on behalf of the faculty and staff to let you know that we remain committed to strengthening the bonds of our community through these uncertain times. We want to express our hope that you, your loved ones, your businesses, and your communities are safe and healthy. We know that each of you has been affected in some way by both the COVID-19 pandemic of the last few months. Given the recent surge in Texas, the administrative team met and decided to extend distance learning through the end of *Summer at Guthrie*. We miss seeing the children's faces on our campus and the energy and creativity they bring each day.

As state and local governments consider when and how best to re-open school campuses, we want you to know that we are hard at work preparing for the new school year. To that end, we are planning several different scenarios to ensure that we will be ready to start the 2020-2021 school year as we all move together into the "new normal." Following current guidelines, we are currently preparing and planning for a return to school on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. We are monitoring and keeping up with state and local guidelines on a daily basis and will inform you as soon as possible with the most up-to-date information. As of June 26, 2020, these are the options we are considering and for which we are preparing.

Option 1: A return to campus in a way that reduces the exposure of our community to the virus as much as possible.

Option 2: Continue distance learning with the administrative team evaluating state and local guidelines daily. Should this option be necessary, students would have an opportunity to meet their new teachers, and parents would receive a schedule of when to pick up supplies, textbooks, and curriculum.

Option 3: A combination of Options 1 and 2.

No matter what the next few weeks bring, we are looking forward to seeing everyone and learning together again. Whatever option is advised, there will be a student and parent orientation during the week of August 17, 2020. Teachers, administration, and staff are working hard on curriculum, updating our website, community involvement, upgrading our on-line capabilities, and preparing the building to make this the best year ever for your children.

Despite it all, we remain thankful. Thankful for good health; for the strong ties of family, friends, colleagues, and community; for technologies that have kept us connected; and for the kindness and generosity we have received from our families. Most of all, we are thankful for the hope and promise of brighter days that inevitably lie ahead.

Sincerely,

The Administrative Team