

July 31, 2020

Dear Members of the Henry Viscardi School Community,

Since early May, we have been looking at all the different aspects of reopening to ensure a safe return to school. As we created our school reopening plan, based on the state's guidelines, the physical and mental health and well-being of our students, staff, and their families remained our highest priorities.

The Henry Viscardi School plan provides initial guidance for our school's reopening and has been submitted to the state. The HVS plan is posted on our school's website under the "REOPENING" tab and attached to your email. Please thoroughly review our plan and submit any questions or suggestions to the Reopening Committee, reopeningcommittee@viscardicenter.org. Your feedback is important and will inform future adjustments to our plan.

During the week of August 1, the Governor will make the decision as to whether schools can open for in-person learning. Once the decision has been made, we will decide which model HVS will follow and provide you with an update. As you are aware, this is still an ever-changing situation and we will continue to communicate any modifications that unfold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of our preparations for September, your son or daughter's teacher will be contacting you regarding your intent for your child to return to in-person learning. Your responses will be most helpful in our planning process, so please respond to this inquiry as soon as possible.

When visiting our school's website, we would also like to make you aware of some recent updates. As stated previously, our reopening plan as well as information relevant to our school's reopening can be located by clicking on the "REOPENING" tab. Important updates can be found in the "Important Updates" box, as well as under the "NEWS" tab. Information related to our remote learning plan can be found by clicking on the "E-LEARNING" tab.

Lastly, we have adjusted our school calendar. Due to the significant amount of training, planning, and preparation necessary to implement any of the models discussed in our plan, it is necessary for us to delay the start date. September 1, 2, and 3 are now designated as staff only days. September 8 is the first day of school for students. There have been no other changes to our calendar, at this time.

We are looking forward to the time when we can return to normal school days and activities. Our immediate goal is to safely provide as much in-person learning as possible and to phase in additional in-person learning. We ask for your patience and flexibility, as we are all facing unprecedented times and challenges. Please be assured that the delivery of a high-quality education remains at the forefront of our planning. Stay well and we will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Sincerely,



Angelo Zegarelli
Head of School