



June 23, 2020

Dear Families:

Over the last three months since the closure of school due to the coronavirus, I have heard from many parents who have provided feedback regarding the virtual learning program. Our teachers have worked hard to provide our students with quality instruction and encourage a high degree of engagement and our parents have provided steadfast support. I salute our parents for being outstanding partners during this period.

Many of you have indicated the desire to have your child(ren) back in the building for the 2020-2021 school year but we are still awaiting guidance from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) on the status and protocols for reopening. Should NYSED grant flexibility in its decision, we have several models under consideration for implementation. As soon as we receive notification from NYSED, we will share with you.

As we think about the reopening process, we must also think about how we can make up the academic loss caused by the school closure and how our students are going to catch up. We are considering several models including starting the school year for students five (5) days earlier. According to the 2020-2021 school year calendar, we would have students return to school on Tuesday, August 25. This will potentially, give us the head start we need to get students back on track academically, and provide services to meet their social and emotional needs.

During the summer, the school will be offering a virtual academic support program to students in need. We want our scholars to have a restful and enjoyable summer break but if your child(ren) is selected we ask that you participate in the program. This has been an unprecedented year and we are doing our best to keep our scholars safe while ensuring they receive the education that they need.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bishop Barrington Goldson', is written over a large, light blue circular scribble.

Bishop Barrington Goldson

Chief Executive Officer