April 8, 2021

Dear DAAS Families and Staff,

I hope you and your loved ones are having a safe and enjoyable week. I am writing to provide you with important information about some proposed changes to our plans for Face to Face at DAAS.

Members of the administrative team and I have continued to track the COVID-19 data and trends. As you might know, the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Michigan—and specifically amongst school-aged children—during the last few weeks is troubling. There is additional concern over the impact spring break might have had on additional COVID-19 spread. In light of the recent delays, COVID trends and the unpredictability of this pandemic, we feel it is best that we offer a consistent option to finish out the last 2 months of the school year.

During the monthly board meeting on Monday, April 19, at 5:30pm, we will propose to the DAAS Board that we continue 100% Virtual learning for the remainder of the school year. This means no Face to Face offering. However, Learning Pods will continue and be expanded to accommodate our parents and scholars who prefer to come into the building for remote learning. The plan is to reopen the Learning Pods as of Monday, April 19, 2021. So the building will be closed the week of April 12-16, for scholars and parents. Issues with technology should be reported to pc@daask12.com for assistance.

I strongly encourage staff and families to voluntarily quarantine and/or test for COVID 19, regardless of their age, if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, have been exposed to the virus, or have not followed safe COVID-19 guidelines, as per the CDC.

Especially as the COVID-19 cases remain high in our local area, I ask for you to continue to follow the expectations in our plan as well as MDHHS and CDC guidelines. This includes providing timely and honest communication about your child’s health to our nursing staff. Again, I ask you to not send your child to school if he or she is experiencing any symptoms.

I am mindful that remaining 100% virtual learning may create an inconvenience for our families. I hope you understand that, by making these moves, the administrative team is taking measures to protect the health and safety of our community and is working to ensure a consistent and smooth learning environment for the remainder of the school year.

If you would like to participate in the on-site Learning Pods please contact your Principal to make arrangements as space is limited. There will be more information to follow about the Board meeting, proposed testing for students, and transportation. As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Warm Regards,

Maurice G. Morton

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