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Dear Keystone Families,

We hope this letter finds you healthy and settled into new routines for the start of our school year. Each member of the Keystone staff appreciates your unwavering and continued support, patience, and kindness. In an effort to keep you informed on discussions and decisions for Keystone, we would like to share the most recent updates concerning COVID-19 and the Keystone community.

The Keystone Board of Directors met on August 10th to review and discuss the benchmarks provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).  Based on these guidelines and Maricopa County’s current metrics, Keystone’s elementary and adolescent programs will remain in virtual mode through Fall Break, or until the metrics for reopening are met (Keystone’s Fall Break is the week of October 5th - 9th). You may view the ADHS guidelines and metrics here: AZ Department of Health Services: “Safely Returning to In-Person Instruction”.

When Keystone is able to reopen campus, parents will have the option to select either in-person instruction or continued distance learning. Families will not be asked to commit to a decision until the ADHS benchmarks are met and a return to in-person instruction is announced.

Circumstances and guidance related to COVID-19 may continue to evolve throughout the coming school year, and Keystone has built a plan to respond to those evolutions. It is more important than ever for us to remain committed to Keystone’s mission: To inspire in children a passion for a lifelong love of learning in an environment which nurtures independence, creativity, confidence and tolerance while developing a sense of responsibility for self and community based on the principles and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori.

In Health and Peace,

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