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DATE: July 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Fall 2020 Reopening Update

TO: Parents / Guardians

FROM: Timothy Wendling, CEO/Principal

The COVID-19 crisis has changed every aspect of our daily lives. I know the past several months have been tough for all of our CASA families and we will do our best to provide the most positive learning experience this year for our students. As we prepare for the fall, we are using safety as our guiding principle. With that being said, we cannot wait to see everyone back in school and in our new academic classrooms!

Since early June, CASA's Pandemic Response Team has analyzed parent and staff survey results and guidelines released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, PA Department of Health, and PA Department of Education. The team has created a Health and Safety Plan that we will use to safely reopen school for our students and our staff members. In addition to that plan, a Reopening Instructional Plan has also been developed. Both plans will be approved by the Board of Trustees before we reopen and they will be posted on the CASA website by July 31, 2020. You will be notified when this happens.

CASA is currently developing three options for the 2020-2021 school year. These options will allow us to meet changing circumstances as new situations arise throughout the year and will provide us the opportunity to change to a new option quickly, if needed.

Plan A – Hybrid Opening: This plan will be used to ensure social distancing requirements. Students will participate in live, in-person teaching and learning at CASA for a segment of the week and will participate in virtual learning from home for part of the week. **This is the most likely option as of 7/8/2020.*

Plan B - Full Opening: When mitigation efforts are permitted to be relaxed, CASA Charter School will resume full daily capacity and all students will be present and in school for live instruction.

Plan C - Fully Virtual: All teaching and learning will occur at home. This option will be used during an emergency closure and will allow students to continue in their live-taught courses by utilizing CASA's learning management system, Canvas, along with our online course delivery system, CAOLA.

As we continue our planning, I will keep you posted with the latest information we have available. We intend to have a final initial reopening decision made by July 31, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support of CASA Charter School. Although these are difficult and trying times, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your children.