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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Over the past several months, the CASA Charter School Pandemic Response Team has been planning for a practical and safe return to in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. We are eager to get back to full-time, in-person teaching and learning; however, we are also committed to following the recommendations set forth by the CDC, the PA Department of Health, and the PA Department of Education to ensure the highest level of safety possible for our students, families, and faculty.

Last evening, the CASA Board of Trustees approved the CASA Charter School Reopening Health and Safety Plan, and the Reopening Instructional Plan. Both plans, in their entirety, are available on the homepage of the CASA website.

In order to provide the safest teaching and learning environment, while still meeting our goal of reopening for in-person instruction, CASA Charter School will begin the year utilizing a hybrid schedule. Students in grades 9 and 10 will report to CASA on Mondays and Tuesdays and students in grades 11 and 12 will report to CASA on Thursdays and Fridays. On the days that students are not physically in school, they will be learning virtually via our online learning platforms, Canvas and CAOLA. Students will be expected to adhere to a schedule even when they are working virtually. On Wednesdays, all students will be learning virtually from home. CASA faculty will be available for virtual small group instruction, tutoring, parent communication, etc. on those days. Because of the calendar for the first two weeks of school, the schedule is altered:

**Week 1**

- \*August 31 and September 1 – Students in grades 9 and 10 present at CASA for in-person learning
- \*September 2 and September 3 – Students in grades 11 and 12 at CASA for in-person learning

**Week 2**

- \*September 8 and September 9 – Students in grades 9 and 10 present at CASA for in-person learning / Students in grades 11-12 at home learning virtually
- \*September 10 and September 11 – Students in grades 11 and 12 present at CASA for in-person learning / Students in grades 9-10 at home learning virtually

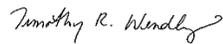
CASA is also offering a completely virtual option for this year only. If you are interested in that option, we ask that you complete the Virtual Instruction Form that was sent with this letter. Students who commit to virtual learning must do so for at least a full marking period (45 days). After each marking period, students will have an opportunity to re-join in-person learning, or continue with the virtual learning option.

In addition to our hybrid schedule, CASA has developed a completely virtual schedule (in case of school closures) and a completely in-person, fully open schedule. This will enable us to respond quickly to changing conditions throughout the school year.

Over the next two weeks, we will be providing documents that will answer many of your questions surrounding potential scenarios, safety, attendance, grading, transportation, technology, virtual learning, and several other topics.

We are committed to keeping our students and staff members safe during this ongoing pandemic. We are also committed to providing quality learning opportunities, both in-person and virtually, for all of our students. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we finalize our learning plans for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,



Timothy R. Wendling  
CEO/Principal