

## Health and Campus Update

July 9, 2021

Blessings Hephatha Community,

***"Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." 2nd Corinthians 13:11***

First, I hope you all enjoyed time with family over the holiday weekend as we celebrated and recognized our country's independence. Second, the email title in this correspondence may bring back a multitude of emotions and feelings from last summer as we collectively waited to see what the school year would look like. Thankfully, those days are behind us as we prepare for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Praise be to God!

I may continue to sound redundant, but from the bottom of my heart, thank you! Thank you all for your support, prayers, partnership, and understanding during the whirlwind experience of the 2020-2021 year. This message marks the beginning of a series of campus updates as to what the upcoming year will look like.

As we learned last July, when the phrase "*the waiver process*" became part of our lexicon, policy can change quickly, and some questions you may have, may not be able to be answered at this time. Rest assured, as clarity shows itself we will be prompt and deliberate in our communication with the Hephatha community.

With that being said, we can update you on some specific questions. First, the 2021-2022 school year will begin as a traditional school year. The use of cohorts and health screening methods to enter campus will no longer be used. It brings joy to share that we will return to our traditional, **schoolwide**, hours of operation of 8:10am-3:00pm. We encourage the drop off and pick up process to be that of what it used to be prior to the start of this pandemic, with a family presence during drop off and pick up.

Additionally, we will be returning to our traditional after school activities, including, but not limited to, after school sports, a more traditional music program, drama opportunities and other fun, engaging experiences for our students to participate in.

Attached to this message is a PDF with early results from our end of school year survey. Your feedback is ever so appreciated and helpful in recognizing strengths and areas of growth of our campus. The survey will remain open for those interested in completing it until the end of the month. There is a blue hyperlink below titled "Survey Link". If you have not done so yet, and have interest in sharing your feedback, please feel free to complete it at a time of convenience.

May you all have a restful and enjoying summer break! God Bless all!

In Christ,



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