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Update: January 15, 2021 In-Person Reopening Plans

Dear Parents,

First, let us thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community, responded to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19 in March. We are very proud of how our TMSOE students, parents, and employees handled the demands we faced to protect everyone as we continued to educate and nourish our students and families during the most unusual circumstances. As you know, there continues to be concerns and questions related to how schools plan to reopen. While our priority is to educate our students, our focus is also to ensure our students' and our employees' health and safety. Rest assured, we have been working diligently on our TMSOE Smart Restart Plans.

We are monitoring all the locally specific and citywide factors about the virus and are up to date on the latest information regarding COVID-19 issues. We desire to return to school in person with all recommended enhanced safety and cleaning procedures in place. However, we must be flexible and be prepared during these ever-changing circumstances to continue educating our students by whatever means necessary if and when conditions change. We will continue to monitor the spread of the virus to ensure that we do everything we can to protect our students' and employees' health and safety.

We are continually gathering input from parents, employees, community stakeholders, administrators, state leaders, our board, and medical professionals. We have decided the plan that works best for our families is a phase-in plan. We currently have our Early Childhood and Kindergarten children back in the building, with some students choosing an asynchronous option. We will continue to take a conservative approach in finalizing our reopening plans and reevaluate our goals every two weeks.

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