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Dear Parents,

As we move toward the beginning of August, we are finalizing our plans for the 2020-2021 School Year. Thank you to everyone who filled out the Reopening Committee's follow-up survey. Attached to this email is the Required Remote Learning Model. This model is **NOT** The Elective Learning Model, where parents opt into a distance learning alternative to onsite learning. The Required Remote Learning Model (RRLM) is the plan that will be enacted if a Governor's Executive Order closes schools again due to COVID 19 health concerns or if we are required to utilize remote learning for any reason. While we hope that we will be able to be together again in September, we are ready to educate and enrich our students academically, socially, and spiritually should the need arise. I want to thank Patricia Sargent and Megan Gallagher for gathering data, researching best practices, and helping to craft the final document.

During the month of July, Fundamental Cleaning Solutions has again begun disinfecting and sanitizing the building. Our maintenance staff is preparing to install air conditioners in the classrooms. This week we ordered "Barrier Buddies" Desk Shields for all students. (See Video Link below) These barriers will be placed at each student's desk as an extra barrier of protection. We are also looking into purchasing portable handwashing stations so that students will have locations other than the bathroom to wash their hands. We want to thank our parent organizations, The Arts Association, The Athletic Association, GRACE, and the PTA, for assisting us with these purchases.

Our Reopening Committee has worked diligently to assist with developing our learning models and COVID policies, guidelines, and procedures. Towards the end of the week, I will be sending out the Elective Learning Model, where parents opt into a distance learning alternative to onsite learning. Next week you will receive the final Reopening Document from Mr. Donahue. We appreciate your patience as we have navigated the state guidelines in preparation for our 2020-2021 school year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Stay safe and well,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Christine Keeling" in a cursive script.

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Link to video:  
[Barrier Buddies](#)