



June 18, 2020

Dear Guild Day Student Community,

After more than 12 weeks of remote learning for day students, we are pleased to announce that The Guild School will begin in-person learning for day students on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

We know that remote learning has been filled with successes, struggles, opportunities, and frustrations. Yet, no matter what we do through remote learning, it is just not the same. Like our students, we are eager to get back to the classroom, yet we continue to be vigilant about the ongoing concerns regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus.

In preparation for the reopening of the school building, The Guild School is working with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and public health experts to develop standards and protocols to minimize the risk of COVID-19 to children, youth, and staff at school. We will provide families and districts with ongoing information about these protocols. The Guild School has prepared a [summary of COVID health and safety precautions](#) document to outline some of the protocols for the school building. In addition, The Guild has developed a comprehensive [COVID-19 Response Plan](#) that encompasses all of The Guild's settings, which is available on The Guild's website and can be requested in hard copy at any time.

One week prior to opening, The Guild will provide students with materials preparing them for their first day of school. As we get closer to the day, we will be reaching out with some more detailed information, including classroom teacher and other important facts. A question and answer session for families will be scheduled with Annie Willis, Chief Education Officer, and other educational leaders. Please be on the lookout for additional information from Annie on the time and date of that session.

Finally, The Guild is reaching out to public school districts to inquire about transportation for students. We encourage you to make sure to reach out to your public school district regarding transportation as well. If you need assistance with those conversations, please contact [Annie Willis](#), Chief Education Officer.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to the educational leadership team or to me directly.

Take care,

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