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Dear Cyberschool Families,

Once again, thank you for your flexibility, understanding and patience as we have worked diligently to develop a comprehensive Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and community is our top priority.

That said, we do not have all the answers right now. As our landscape continues to change and we learn even more about COVID-19, and the disproportionately high number of cases in our family ZIP codes, please know that we are committed to the safety and success of our students.

As of today, the Milwaukee Health Department is not permitting any school in Milwaukee to open for face-to-face instruction. We are currently in Phase 4 of the reopening criteria in Milwaukee and need to be in Phase 5 to reopen. As we await the release of the updated Phase 4 order, addressing school and reopening guidance from the state and CDC, we are developing plans for 100% virtual learning.

Central City Cyberschool will start school on August 24, 2020 with all students and staff engaged in virtual learning.

While I am very proud of the virtual program we carried out this spring, we are planning improvements to provide a more structured schedule, more live instruction, and, most importantly, parent communication and trainings to ensure parents know exactly what is expected of their children on Google Classroom and how to help keep things on track.

Cyberschool will continue to meet the needs of families during the virtual learning program. We will offer device check out this fall (chromebooks) to any student, in any grade level, that is in need of one.

We are hopeful that predictions for the fall and the updated Phase 4 will allow us to reopen for face-to-face hybrid instruction after September 25, 2020. The hybrid model will be students coming to school 2 days a week and learning online for 3 days (more details about what this will look like will be shared in the coming weeks).

I genuinely believe there is no right answer, but I also take pride in the fact that decisions are being made with the best interest of our students, staff and families in mind. Like you, we are very disappointed that we will not be physically able to have our children, parents, and staff under the same roof for the first official day of school, but it is more important to keep everyone safe. It is equally important that we continue to provide a high-quality education to all students.

The Cyberschool staff looks forward to a great 2020-21 academic school year and seeing all of our families at the Cyber Virtual Campus beginning August 24th.

Please continue to check the school website (www.cyberschool-milwaukee.org), Facebook, and DOJO for ongoing updates.

With appreciation and thanks,

Jessica Szymanski, Executive Director