SUMMER UPDATES: IMPORTANT

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your child(ren) are enjoying your summer so far. We are finishing up week five of summer school for scholars and it has been a wonderful way to continue learning throughout the summer. Our thanks to parents, students, staff, and the Boys and Girls Club, who provided our afternoon care for scholars to ensure 8am-5pm programming each day.

Today, I write with updates about what you can anticipate for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Milwaukee Academy of Science plans to open up for five days a week in-person learning with transportation services in full operation. We also plan to have our after school program through the Boys & Girls Club, as well as athletics activities back up and running. **Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 31st.**

We will be following the [CDC guidance for K12 schools, recently updated for the 2021-2022 school year.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/education-guidance/k12.html) This includes continued indoor masking, a focus on ventilation, handwashing, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection. These are all important layers of prevention that we have learned over the course of the past year and a half.

**We also encourage all individuals 12 years and older to get their COVID vaccine in order to be fully immunized before we return to school.** As the pandemic continues, we believe this is an important step to decrease the spread of the virus in our community.

Continued safety measures this fall:

- Everyone entering the building will be required to wear masks.
- Whenever possible, children will be spaced three feet apart, paying particular attention to the spacing of children during lunch.
- Continued monitoring of our ventilation and HVAC system, which meets or exceeds CDC guidance
- Visitors to the building will remain limited.
- We ask that parents continue to monitor their children for symptoms at home, keep sick children at home and get children tested when applicable.
- Shared spaces, classrooms, bathrooms and hallways will be disinfected regularly throughout the day and after school.
**Arrival & Dismissal Form--VERY IMPORTANT**

A transportation form will be sent to your email/number on file for you to indicate your arrival, dismissal, and transportation needs for next year. **No student transportation will be rolled over from the prior school years.** All families must complete this form—even those who will drop off and pick up. Additionally, we will offer a financial incentive to parents who do not sign up for bussing, but choose to drive their children, as long as a 93% attendance rate is met. This only applies to parents who live more than 1 mile from the school and are eligible for bussing. Also, this form how you will begin the process of signing up for the Boys & Girls Club after school program. **In order to guarantee bussing by the first day of school, you must fill out this form by Friday, August 6th.**

**Back-to-School Registration Days**

MAS will provide four days for in person registration in August. Families must attend one. Masks will be required and we will plan our flow through the building for social distancing.

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- Confirm your transportation, food service, and student information
- Purchase uniforms in person
- Hear important school announcements from school leaders
- Please come on a day/time that works best for your family. Expect to spend 30-60 min.

**Uniform Purchasing**

Early Bird Uniform purchasing is available now in our office or [online store](#). Pick up will be in the main office Monday - Friday between 8am-4pm within 24 hours of when orders are placed. During registration days, sales will be in person and no online orders will be available. Online orders will resume after registration. We accept credit card payments and cash.

**More information:**

- Requests for device return have been sent—please return any devices as soon as possible to avoid being charged a fee.
- Our delivery meal program will conclude on August 13th.
- Our [school calendar](#) is available on our website.
- For other concerns, please reach out to our Family Engagement Coordinator, Tierra Williams (text 414-406-8131).

I hope that this has answered many of your questions. You can expect more information in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for the transportation form please.

Be well and be safe,

Anthony McHenry, CEO