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Denver Academy Families,

I’d like to take this opportunity to give you an update on our plans for the fall. At this time, I am pleased to inform you that it is our intent to open the school year with on-campus, in-person, face-to-face teaching and learning at Denver Academy. However, it is also important to understand that this continues to be an evolving situation and our plans must include the flexibility to adapt as well.

Be assured, we will be working closely with our local public health officials including the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE), and others to ensure that the launch of in-person learning will be done in a manner that keeps the health and safety of our students, employees, and families at the forefront.

I have recently established a “DA Safe Opening” working group in order to best understand and plan for this fall. Our path forward will require creativity, patience, and flexibility as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters. It is clear that our biggest challenges will be in the physical management of our spaces and how we move through them. We are investigating strategies to maintain physical distancing, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and other practices that will help keep our community safe and healthy. We will provide you with more detailed information as we develop our plans and encourage your feedback along the way.

I am confident that we will develop an approach to opening our campus that maintains the integrity of our unique educational program while providing for the fundamental safety and health of our community. If you have been part of the DA family for these past few months, you likely understand the source of my confidence. Our teachers, staff, and administration team, along with the most amazing students and parents have really dug in and pulled together. Despite some pretty unusual circumstances, we have managed to provide not only continuity of our curriculum but maintained our community and connection as well. Well done Mustangs!

Looking forward to seeing you all in person,

Mark Twarogowski
Headmaster