



Dear TCA families,

As many of you know, the Governor announced his guidance for Minnesota public schools for the fall. We know that these are very difficult decisions for the state of Minnesota and school districts to make given the ever changing danger of health concerns due to COVID-19. We know that in-person learning is always best for students and we also know that this virus can be spread easily in our community and that cases are growing again in Minnesota. Balancing health and safety with students getting a high quality education is our greatest priority. We know there is a lot of opinion, politics and sometimes misinformation in our social media and news, so we are hoping you will trust us as we thoughtfully, and with as much input as we can gather, find the best solutions during these challenging times. We are truly stronger together.

As described in our communication last week, TCA staff and administration have been working all summer on three different plans for school this coming year. As we begin to finalize our plans, we need to hear from you. We know some of you may choose distance-learning no matter what we propose and we will be able to accommodate your student(s). We would like to know that in advance if possible so we can properly ensure that your student is engaged with whatever model we determine is best for our school community. We know that with whatever model we are able to safely do, there will be challenges with internet and technology devices, ensuring students follow safety procedures required by the Governor and the Minnesota Department of Health (masks and social distancing), as well as ensuring daily meals and mental health supports for all. We truly understand the complexity of all of this and we have been, and continue to, work diligently to find solutions to all of these barriers and challenges.

Next week, TCA will be sending out surveys and engaging the parent and student community to gather more information for our decision-making process. We know it is still officially summer break, however, we are truly hoping to hear from all of you with your thoughts and ideas for this coming school year. We wish to work as a team to keep students, staff and families both safe and learning no matter what the outside environment requires of us.

Please watch your emails beginning Monday August 3rd and throughout the week for opportunities to engage in the planning process with us. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [blueth@twincitiesacademy.org](mailto:blueth@twincitiesacademy.org) or phone 651-230-5418 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. I know we are TCA strong, and we will find the best path that meets the needs of all our students, families and our staff.

Be well and stay in touch!

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