



October 14, 2020

Dear Families,

As you may have read in today's Baltimore Sun, "Baltimore City schools announced Wednesday that it will begin welcoming back some students this fall, starting with those who are most at risk of falling behind academically.

The plan will be implemented in the second quarter which begins in November and is limited to students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, special education and those experiencing homelessness. The district will also bring back students who have missed at least 20% of online lessons."

(If desired, you may view the full article here: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/education/bs-md-city-school-reopening-20201014-45alojxxu5czvjq74rpy7ltxi-story.html>)

Our understanding is that this is a plan that will involve a limited number of schools to begin in November, and that more schools will follow as we progress into the school year.

We do not yet know Creative City's re-opening timeline within this plan. We are placing extremely high priority on opening Creative City for some students as soon as we are safely able, while placing equally high priority on the health and safety of our staff, our students, and their families. We are actively discussing our readiness towards opening with the school district to determine the appropriate timeline for our school community. We are also speaking with our staff. Any return to in-person schooling at Creative City this fall would be voluntary and limited for both staff and families. We will keep you posted on when we expect limited re-opening to begin at Creative City.

We are pleased with the preparations we have made to date in our school building.

- Our custodial team has adapted cleaning products, methods, and frequencies to meet the most current expectations provided by the school district as well as local and national health officials.
- Our front office protocols have been adapted to implement distancing in waiting areas, mandatory face coverings while in the building, new Plexiglas barriers where needed, and a mandatory health screening for any staff, visitor, or contractor who enters the building. This screening will eventually apply to students entering the building as well.
- By mid-November, all of our air filtration systems will be upgraded to "hospital-grade" MERV-13 filters in all heating and air conditioning units, with supplemental HEPA air filtration in every room.

- We are actively preparing classrooms to be set up for a minimum of 6 feet of space between each student, with all surfaces able to be sanitized daily, and systems set up to minimize sharing of supplies and materials among students.

During this time when our district is transitioning to the next stage of school opening, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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Principal