August 1, 2020

Families,

Welcome to all of you joining us this year. Welcome back to all of you that have been with us. For the past four years we have built our school together - families, students, staff and community. Here we are going into our 5th year of existence as a school and we will continue to build a school together. Our practice of togetherness and family will be just as important to us as ever as we start school completely virtually. Going virtual does not change our mission and model. We will continue to focus on supporting students’ emotional needs, safely engaging in community and learning through real world projects. We will continue to focus on transitioning students to college, paid employment and the entrepreneurial and economic development sectors. As a staff we came back together on July 23rd to begin preparing for your students.

Some info on the start of school:

- We will start off our year by having student & family onboarding sessions Wednesday August 12th through Friday August 14th. More details to come. We want to use this time to make sure we go into the school year understanding what it will look like.
- We will have our first day of virtual learning on Monday August 17th, 2020.
- We will be completely virtual our entire first quarter of the school year - that takes us to October 23rd.
- We will have laptops for any students needing them. Laptops are available for pick up at the school on Monday August 10th & Tuesday August 11th from 10 am - 4 pm.
- It will be super important for families to keep us updated with any changes in address, phone number and email addresses. With things continuing to change we want to make sure that we are keeping in contact with you.

Most importantly, as a school we are focused on being flexible. If there are ways that we can support your family or meet your student’s individual needs we want to know. The last time we were together with students in physical space was Friday March 13th, 2020. Please know that we miss our students and we are here. We look forward to being in the same space again as soon as it is safe.

Take good care,

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