



July 18, 2020

Dear Ivywood Family,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to solidify plans for the fall. On June 30, 2020 Governor Whitmer released the state's "Return to School Road Map" which can be found here: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/whitmer/MI_Safe_Schools_Roadmap_FINAL_695392_7.pdf?utm_source=The+Governor+John+Engler+Center+for+Charter+Schools+-+Contacts+List&utm_campaign=50b268e5e8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_13_03_04&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_35732d9939-50b268e5e8-164040309&mc_cid=50b268e5e8&mc_eid=74fb69ead9.

This 63 page document outlines requirements and recommendations that Michigan schools must follow in order to re-open in the fall. According to the plan, regions in phases 1, 2, or 3 would not be permitted to resume face to face instruction. Regions in phases 4, 5, or 6 would be permitted to resume face to face instruction. Before I share what the fall might look like, I'd like to share our timeline with each of you so you know what to expect.

- June 30, 2020 - Governor Whitmer released "The Return to School Roadmap" which outlines requirements and recommendations schools must follow in order to re-open
- July 13, 2020 - Ivywood was provided the required template to be used in order to write a school specific plan for fall
- July 21, 2020 - The Ivywood board will be presented a draft of Ivywood's return to school plan during the ICA board meeting
- August 3, 2020 - The plan will be amended to reflect board feedback and must be submitted to our authorizer (CMU) on or before August 3, 2020
- August 15, 2020 - The plan will be amended to reflect authorizer feedback and must be re-submitted to CMU on or before August 15, 2020



- Upon confirmation of an approved plan, the Ivywood Return to School Plan will be shared with all stakeholders in its entirety

The Detroit region is currently in phase 4 of re-opening. This means that as of right now we are planning on starting school September 8, 2020, as originally planned. We plan to resume full time face to face classes 5 days a week. We will have the ability to pivot quickly and transition to distance learning if mandated to do so (this would happen in the event the Detroit region is moved down to phase 3). To help facilitate distance learning, we will be implementing a program called “Canvas”. This program is similar to google classroom, and allows teachers to place lessons, activities, and videos in one central location. You can expect our detailed plan to be released in August. If you have questions about the Return to School Road Map, what school might look like in the fall for your specific child, or you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. This is a very fluid situation, as we receive more information we will share it with families immediately. Please visit our webpage (<https://ivywoodclassicalacademy.com/>) frequently for schoolwide updates including updated supply lists, uniform information, events, Covid related information, and much more! Again, thank you for your patience, grace, and flexibility.

Regards,

Stephanie Kooiker

Ivywood Classical Academy, Principal