

August 6, 2021

Dear Sayre Families,

Yesterday our nursing team and I met with the Board to discuss potential protocols for the beginning of the school year. Our conversations have taken into account guidance from the CDC, the State, the American Academy of Pediatrics, reported vaccine status of our eligible students, as well as current data on the pandemic statewide and in Fayette County.

Our meeting concluded with the decision to have one final meeting next week and communicate plans to you by August 12th. We will also provide an overview of our vaccination survey.

Our deliberations predominately center around an indoor masking policy. We remain committed to our campus being as open as possible by allowing students to be unmasked in outdoor settings, providing Buttery service to our K-12 populations (to start the year, K-4 will eat outside weather permitting and in the Buttery during inclement weather), and welcoming parents on campus.

For our students who have received vaccinations, we will require them to verify that information. This is absolutely essential for our conversations with the health department during the contact tracing process and will only be utilized by the nurses and me as the individuals designated as agents of the school. You can complete this process by logging in to your Blackbaud account and uploading this information on the medical form for your student.

We would also like to stress that next week's announcement will be the plan for the start of the year; we will engage in an ongoing review process and provide the community with scheduled updates and/or revisions. For instance, the first status update is scheduled for September 10th, three and half weeks into the year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through these important decisions.

Stephen Manella
Head of School