

Dear Discovery and Explorer Families,

As Dr. Spina shared with you in his communication last week, our in-person cohorts will transition to full day in-person learning beginning on March 1. We want to assure you we are working hard to prepare for this adjustment, and we would like to share some preliminary information with you to support your planning.

Safety is a critical component of our preparations. An important feature of our full day plan is maintaining cohorting within the school building. Students will remain cohorted for the following activities:

- **Core classroom instruction**
- **ARC** - students will attend ARC in their classroom cohorts. Additional transition time has been added to support proper sanitizing between groups and to reduce the number of students in hallways at a given time.
- **Lunch** - students will eat in their classrooms followed by a recess break. We are in need of additional playground supervisors. If interested, more information can be found [here](#).

Our current safety protocols which include mask wearing, frequent hand washing, and scheduled cleaning of touch points and common spaces will continue. Social distancing will also be emphasized. Though classrooms will have more students in them, teachers will arrange seating to maximize distancing to the fullest extent possible. We will also continue to use seating charts to support contact tracing should that be necessary.

We know that students will be very happy to have the inclusion of recess as part of the full day schedule. Though students will be outside, they may be engaged in play with students from the same grade level, but another classroom. Because that play may bring them in close contact to others, we will continue to enforce mask wearing during recess. For students in need of a “mask break,” we will identify safe places and procedures for doing so.

Our full day school schedule will begin at 8:47 and end at 3:30. Morning car loop will open at 8:30 and students will be admitted into our schools via their assigned entrances beginning at 8:42. We are currently working on an adjusted drop-off plan intended to reduce car loop congestion. More details regarding morning drop-off will be shared in a future communication.

We are very happy to be making strides toward expanding in-person learning for our elementary students. We continue to be grateful for your support of and partnership with our teachers and staff, and we look forward to sharing more information with you as our planning continues.

Sincerely,

Kelly Campbell, Explorer Principal

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