COVID-19: Update – 5/20/2020

Dear BASIS Charter School parents,

As we wrap up what has been an extraordinary year, I want to express my deep gratitude for the support you have demonstrated for our teachers, school leaders, and support staff. As you are surely aware, the process of transitioning from traditional classroom education in our school buildings to distance learning has been no small feat. I am humbled every day by the professionalism and expertise our teams have demonstrated, all with an unwavering commitment to the quality of instruction you have come to expect from BASIS Charter Schools.

Of course, we could not have done this without your help. Your commitment to helping your students receive the BASIS Charter School Curriculum from home has been instrumental and equally impressive. Thank you.

I also want to take a moment to start to address what to expect for the 2020-21 school year. As I’m sure you can imagine, there is a fair amount of uncertainty regarding how we will deliver instruction during the coming school year. Please know we are staying connected to the many discussions and the ever-changing guidance coming from education leaders, federal and state officials, and parents alike. We are planning accordingly, and we’re confident that:

1. We’ll be able to follow applicable guidelines and requirements from local, state, and federal officials to keep everyone safe.
2. Through our talented and passionate teachers and the BASIS Charter School Curriculum, we will be able to continue providing the same world-class education we always have.

Just how BASIS Charter Schools will launch and operate in the 2020-21 school year will depend on many factors including, but not limited to, local conditions, expert guidance, and state requirements. Our educators, as well as our central office support teams, are already preparing for three different operational realities we are likely to be dealing with next year:

1. Continuing to provide full online instruction until it is safe to reopen our facilities.
2. Providing a blend of online and in-person instruction in the event we can have some students, but not all students, in the school buildings, in order to ensure safety and social distancing requirements.
3. Returning to 100% (or close to it) instruction in our facilities.

We will continue our preparations for the 2020-21 school year throughout the summer and will keep you updated as we attain additional information and solidify our plans.

In closing, I want you to know that BASIS Charter Schools will be ready to provide your student with our world-class education in the safest environment possible. Throughout this crisis I have been impressed (but not surprised) by our network’s ability to be nimble and solve challenges--with our students foremost in our minds. The combination of this necessary innovation, plus our unyielding commitment to instructional integrity and safety,
along with our great parent support gives me confidence that all BASIS Charter School communities will have a successful 2020-21 school year.

Look for more updates from me and the leaders and educators in our network in the coming months. In the meantime, please stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Gratefully,
Aaron

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