

July 6, 2020

Dear KSDS Families,

Although summer has only recently begun, given the unusual circumstances, we know you are eager to know what the fall semester will look like. While plans continue to evolve, we can assure you that whether in person or digital, we will provide your children with the outstanding educational experience that Krieger Schechter is known for in the community.

In accordance with health and safety guidelines, our goal is to conduct in-building classes for all grades K-8 starting on the first day of school. We are in the process of creating clear policies related to social distancing throughout the day, mask-wearing, sanitizing procedures, efficient use of building spaces, air circulation, dropoff/dismissal and more. We are planning to share these policies in stages, with the first notifications coming July 15th. These policies will also include a hybrid plan that combines the best of on-campus and virtual learning, for families who require distance learning.

As you can imagine, our plans will continue to change and evolve, and we thank you for your ongoing patience as we work to provide the best yet safest experience for students, teachers and staff.

For families' advance planning, we are sharing today what the school hours will be for in-building classes for 2020-2021. These hours are designed to account for the extra time needed for morning prep at home and school arrival/dismissal, and to provide as much consistency as possible throughout the week:

- School Class Hours:

Mondays-Thursdays 8:15am-3:30pm (LS)

Mondays-Thursdays 8:15am-3:45pm (MS)

Fridays 8:15am-2:45pm (same K-8 Friday dismissal time all year)

- Morning drop-off will begin at 7:50am each day; whenever students arrive, they will proceed directly to their classroom for the beginning of the day. No students are permitted out of their cars until 7:50am.
- At dismissal time, carpools that include LS & MS students should arrive at school for MS dismissal time; LS students will wait in classrooms for their MS carpool.
- We are working on arrangements for Playkeepers to take place each day. Details coming soon.

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In August, we will host town hall meetings for Lower and Middle School parents in order to communicate our reopening plans and respond to questions. Town hall dates will be announced by July 30th.

### **Advisory Committees**

- To help guide our thinking with regard to the fall, we have created two Advisory Committees to oversee fall planning in regard to two core focuses: health & safety, and finance.
- Both committees are comprised of KSDS administration, board and faculty, current and alumni parents, medical professionals, as well as GECC and CAC staff, to allow for the most effective collaboration and support between Chizuk Amuno Congregation and Schools.
- As part of the committees' work, we will be issuing a parent survey in late July to aid our reopening plans and further gauge comfort levels in regard to returning to the building.

In addition to the internal committees, we are following CDC guidelines and remain in constant communication with other independent AIMS schools to share ideas on re-opening plans

### **Faculty Preparation**

- Our faculty are actively working on schedule and curricular adjustments to account for the energy and time demands of new procedures, so that meaningful KSDS learning can happen in a safety-vigilant and successful manner.
- In order to best prepare our faculty for enhanced online home-teaching, we implemented a professional development program for all faculty. All KSDS teachers and staff will complete the professional development program this summer ahead of the 2020-21 school year.

We look forward to sharing continued updates throughout the summer. In the meantime, we wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and as always, feel free to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Moshe

Dr. Blum

Mrs. Gelber