

August 14, 2020

Dear KSDS Families,

It is hard to believe that we are less than three weeks away from the first day of school. Krieger Schechter Day School's philosophy and priorities remain the same as always, even in this challenging and ever-changing environment. Thank you for your patience as we have been working to create a plan that allows for flexibility, supports our mission, and most importantly, is based on caution and care for the entire community.

Today, we are announcing, with approval from our Health & Safety Advisory Committee and the KSDS Board, that **we will be reopening school for the 2020-2021 academic year using a hybrid model of on-campus and at-home days for each grade-level, with a phased-in on-campus start for different grade levels.** Beginning on the first day of school (September 2nd), all students not scheduled to be on campus will have at-home, virtual learning every day until their grade is phased-in. [Please read the entire reopening plan carefully by clicking here.](#) Important information such as school supply lists (slide 15), and a downloadable PDF calendar (slide 7) are part of the plan, so **please read everything carefully and in its entirety!**

It is important to recognize the tireless dedication of our faculty and administration. Their feedback and input were critical to the development of this plan, and their love for Krieger Schechter has been evident every step of the way. Our decisions have been made with the guidance of our Health & Safety Advisory Committee and through thoughtful discussions with all stakeholders, based on the values of our mission and our love for our students, school and community. We believe that the model presented offers us the lowest possible risk and the greatest opportunity for success and long-term sustainability.

While we are confident that our plan is thorough, we recognize that local and regional conditions are constantly evolving. Using metrics established by the Health & Safety Advisory Committee (slide 19), we are prepared to pivot as needed and will continue to reassess our model throughout the school year.

Should you have additional questions or concerns after reviewing the reopening plan, please submit questions [via this form](#) prior to the upcoming MS Town Hall evenings (August 17 for MS parents and August 19 for LS parents). The deadline for submitting questions is Monday, August 17th at 10:00 am.

Each of us shares a responsibility in the protection of our sacred learning community, based on high academic standards, Jewish values, and care for the people and the world in which

we live.

The success of our plans is dependent on **active and ongoing commitment** on the part of **every single member** of our community to following and maintaining safety protocols both on campus and outside of school. The School Board, administration, faculty and staff take this commitment extremely seriously and **we implore each of you to do your part**, in partnership with the school, to ensure a smooth and successful start to the year.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Moshe
Dr. Blum
Mrs. Gelber