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Greetings,

This message is intended for our families registered in Providence.

Ocean State Academy is extremely excited to be on the cusp of welcoming students back into our building!

We are also extremely committed to welcoming back students and staff in a way that is as safe as possible for all, working in close collaboration with local and state education and health officials.

As per the announcement the governor made on 8/31/2020, **Providence is going to proceed with a phased reopening of in-person instruction**. Our state-approved reopening plan specifies that we will mirror each of our sending district's reopening timeline for students from that district.

This supports health because it means that individual district situations are being taken into account with reopening plans. It maximizes educational opportunities because it means students will have access to in-person instruction whenever it is deemed safe by state and local health officials without regard for localized outbreaks in other communities in our state. Finally, it ensures fairness because students who would have access to in-person instruction in a public school setting in their district will have that option at OSA.

THE PLAN

- Our **kindergarten and first grade students** will begin in-person learning on **Monday, September 14**.
- Our **second and third grade students** will return to in-person learning on **Thursday, September 17**. For these elementary students, September 14, 15, and 16 will be distance learning days.
- Our **fourth and fifth grade students** will return to in-person learning on **Monday, September 21**. For these elementary students, September 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 will be distance learning days.



Please remember you have the option to choose virtual learning. If you choose virtual learning for the first semester (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2), you will have the option to choose in-person for the second semester (which begins in January). If you choose in-person instruction but decide it would be best for your child to move to virtual instruction for the *remainder of the semester*, you may make that change at any time. However, please remember that *if you choose virtual, you can only resume in-person at the start of the following semester.*

As Providence announces further state-approved plans for offering in-person instructional opportunities, we will move forward with offering the same opportunities to our Providence students.

As of now, there is not a published timeline for the return to in-person instruction for Providence students in grades 7th–12th. These students will begin the year on virtual instruction, but we look forward to welcoming them back as Providence continues to transition students back to in-person instruction.

In the meantime, we will be proceeding with a revised and improved version of our distance learning.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. We will do our best to support you in these difficult and uncertain times.

Sincerely,
The OSA Team