



Chesterbrook Academy[®]

Good Evening CBA!

I hope this communication finds you well and looking forward to the start of school. As you may know, new local guidance was shared on Friday evening about the reopening of schools in Chester County.

After speaking with numerous families over the weekend, I appreciate the support and confidence in our plans for reopening school. We believe that our flawless, 10 week summer camp program has positioned us better than most to safely and confidently open school on August 31st.

We spent the weekend reviewing the new guidance and we held a call with the Chester County Health Department early this morning. They assured us that the guidance is a recommendation and that as a smaller private school we have much more flexibility and systems in place in order to implement the plans with fidelity. We asked other supporting questions to affirm some details as it related to our school. In short, CBA will be opening on August 31st, as originally planned, and this was reassured by the CCHD.

Now, that was easy part.

Our team has spent the entire summer creating and preparing to implement our Health and Safety Plan. We must have compliance from our entire community in order for us to have a seamless opening and fall season.

So, what can you do?

1. The guidance released on Friday suggested schools postpone reopening plans to help separate from the summer holiday. We begin today! We plan to be in school 14 days from today and we need to do our part. We are asking everyone to continue following the safe practices recommended by the CDC. This includes wearing a mask in public, frequent hand washing and diligent social distancing. We encourage you to avoid play dates and small gatherings at this point.
2. If you have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where there are high amounts of COVID-19 cases, we are requiring that students stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. Click [here](#) for an up to date list of these areas.

3. We have updated our daily health assessment to require families to inform us of their recent travel.

We have stood by our belief that opening school would be our goal and we are prepared to do just that. Our team will be ready. We have built in extra staff development for Covid training in addition to our regular teacher training at this time of year.

Lastly, as we've mentioned previously, flexibility and collaboration will be needed this year. We will do our part and communicate often and we will make decisions that put safety and health first.

We ask that you are patient as things evolve this fall, as we do anticipate disruption at times. Rest assured that we will be ready for whatever comes our way.

In times like these I am reminded of the incredible community I am fortunate to lead and partner with each day!

I am adding a Back to School open Zoom call on Monday, August 24th to answer any questions that you may have before the start of school. If you need to speak to me prior, please reach out via email or call me at 484-995-6624.

Thank you again,
Mr. Rodia