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Dear Edgewater Community,

As August begins and the school year is getting closer, I wanted to reach out and update you on our September opening. Due to the ever-changing situation we have all been placed in once again, I will need to ask for flexibility. But please know that our focus, first and foremost, will always be the safety of our students and staff.

I meet weekly with local Superintendents and we discuss our reopening plans. Unfortunately, at this time it is too early to give an exact plan as we have to see where we are as a community and as a state in the weeks to come. What I am expecting at this point is that students will attend school full day and due to COVID-19, the Delta variant, the age of our students, and their inability to be vaccinated, our staff and students will most likely be masked. This guidance is supported by the CDC and local health departments. Additionally, grades 3 through 6 will be back home at EVG.

For your information school hours for students are projected to be:

- George Washington ~ 8:15-2:49
- Eleanor Van Gelder~ 8:00- 2:34

The Re-opening Committee will be meeting on August 18th to discuss September, review our [Reopening Plan](#), and address the guidance shared from the state in the [Road Forward](#). Links are provided above to each of these documents for your review. Our committee is composed of health care professionals, board members, administrators, teachers, and parents. Additionally, as a district, we want your input. Please click [here](#) to provide feedback, concerns, questions, and ideas. We will then take this information, analyze it, and have it help guide us to opening, once again, in the safest way possible. We were very successful with our reopening in April and I anticipate nothing less in September.

I look forward to welcoming back our students. I will be in touch after our Reopening Committee meets and I receive more information on the state and county level. You can expect more communication with more definite plans towards the end of the month.

Please know, as always, our students and staff will be welcomed back to school in September in the safest manner possible and will be greeted with open arms, although they may be distanced.

Sincerely,

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