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Dear Little Axe Public School Community,

While there are many uncertainties regarding the start of next school year, I felt it important to share discussions regarding return to school. Although this plan is very fluid and will depend on regulations given by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, currently, we are preparing for a full return to school on August 10, 2020 barring any Oklahoma State Department of Education regulations prohibiting the return to school. Of course, the return to school will look different as the school will have to comply with CDC guidance regarding classroom instruction. Student and staff health and safety will be of utmost importance.

Currently, the school is in the process of purchasing enough laptop computers to provide a laptop computer to every student grades 3-12. Students in grades PK-2 will be receiving a smaller tablet for instruction. The laptops will remain property of the school and, it will be the responsibility of the child to care for them. Instruction will occur from the teacher as normal, however, the computer will be the means of turning assignments in. In order to properly prepare for the upcoming school year, we need to look at, and be prepared for time out of school. These days will be virtual days and the laptop computers will continue to be used for instruction. We are currently working to assist those who do not have internet for instruction. This may include pre-recorded lessons from the teacher which will be downloaded to the laptop computer and used for virtual instruction. We have been encouraged by the State Department of Education to look at different options for instruction in the upcoming school year. These options include:

1. A full return to school with CDC guidance implemented for the health of staff and students. This will include classroom instruction. This will include strict adherence to rules set forth by CDC and closely monitoring COVID-19 precautions including appropriate plans if a student becomes infected with the virus.
2. A partial return to school with some students being in the classroom and others learning virtually at home. Again, this option allows for the protection of students and staff as it allows for better social distancing. In this case, laptops will have weekly lessons downloaded to them if there is no home internet available, or, lessons will be available via the internet. We will ensure that the best possible instruction is taking place considering the circumstances.
3. In the case that we are not allowed to return to school, or have to shut down in-person instruction again this year, we will be prepared for at-home instruction. We have significantly improved our ability to provide virtual instruction, and assure you that we can provide an excellent education virtually.

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For those families who do not feel comfortable in sending students to school, we will be offering virtual education for students in grades 3-12, however, we encourage in-person instruction as it is proven to be the most effective means of instruction. As mentioned earlier in this letter, we are currently preparing for and have implemented practices which will allow for an effective means of virtual instruction if needed. Teachers have received, and will continue to receive training for online instruction. I assure you that our staff cares deeply for all children attending Little Axe Public School and will work diligently to serve all children to the very best of their ability.

Thank you for your support of Little Axe Public School and thank you for trusting us with the instruction of your children. We will work tirelessly to ensure that all students receive the instruction they deserve and will work to help them achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

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