

August 13, 2020

Dear Progeny Academy Families and Staff,

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we make decisions which keep our students, families and staff safe.

Progeny Academy will begin the 2020-2021 school year in the Distance Learning model. This decision was not made lightly or in isolation. Please know, we want nothing more than to bring our students safely back to school in a face-to-face model. We are committed to doing so when it is safe, and will continue to receive input from stakeholders including families, staff and students, as well as consulting with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and county and local health officials.

The remainder of this letter provides additional details regarding several areas of our Safely Coming Back to School plan.

Distance Learning = Personal Learning

In Distance Learning, students will engage in classes and conduct learning remotely. Learning includes direct teacher instruction and independent student work, with a combination of virtual meetings, interactive class sessions and pre-recorded videos. Last spring, school districts were engaged in crisis response distance learning. The Distance Learning model offers families greater intentionality and engagement.

Childcare

In Distance Learning and Hybrid models, childcare will be available to Tier 1 workers of grades 4-5 students, per the Governor's Executive Order.

Nutrition Services

We will deliver breakfast and lunch to all residences during distance learning. More information regarding the delivery schedule will be sent in the upcoming weeks.

Ongoing Communication

You will continue to receive ongoing communication from us regarding our Transition Plan: Safely Coming Back to School. You will also have an opportunity for additional communication with your child's teacher through face-to-face conferences during the week of August 31.

We will review two cycles of 14-day health data (September 1-14 and September 15-30) as well as consult with our designated health official to make a determination on a potential model shift in October. A possible shift in model could occur October 19; families will be notified in early October if we will continue in Distance Learning or shift to another model. Stay informed with updates on our website.

We thank you for your patience as we worked to identify and implement the best plan for the safety of our students, staff and families. You will always be our top priority.

Sincerely,

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