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## **Canyon Rim Academy Board Brief July 23, 2020**

Last night the CRA Board of Trustees met to discuss plans for reopening the school this fall. Using the data from the CRA parent survey in early July, Mr. Fuller has been working with a committee of teachers on a proposed educational plan to maximize student learning and community well-being. We appreciate all the work, creativity, and thoughtfulness that went into the teachers' proposal.

In addition to reviewing the recommendations from Mr. Fuller and the teacher committee, the board considered the current health risks as related to the pandemic, the critical needs of our families, the vulnerability of our teachers, and the viability of our school. As a result, CRA is planning a "soft open" with the expectation that students who would like to receive in-person instruction will be welcomed back to campus in September. Distance learning from home will be an option for all students throughout the entire school year.

On Tuesday, August 25th, families with special education services and extenuating child care circumstances will begin learning at schools five days a week. Accommodations will be made on a case by case basis. The remainder of the students will begin distance learning five days a week at home with their assigned teachers. We feel opening in this manner will allow our school to not only cool down, but give us time to monitor the Covid trends, and safely return students to the classroom. During this time both students and teachers will have an opportunity to build a strong foundation for utilizing the distance learning model.

On Monday, September 21st, families who wish to participate in-person during the school day will be welcomed back to campus as part of an AABB hybrid schedule. Classrooms will be divided into two groups. Group A will be on campus two days a week and group B will be on campus two days a week. The fifth day will be distance learning from home for all students, with the exception of those who require accommodations to be in school five days a week.

As we move forward with this basic framework, we acknowledge we do not know the answers to many of the questions and scenarios that may come to mind. However, we believe using this framework gives us time to find answers to these questions and scenarios and will allow us the opportunity to observe other local schools and learn from their experience. We will continually assess the circumstances and adjust our plans if necessary.

These are uncertain times and the administration, teachers, and the Board are working to make sure we can provide the best and safest education possible for your students in the approaching months. Detailed communication will be coming in the next days and weeks, as well as another parent survey, which will help us implement our plans. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time as we work together to find workable solutions to the issues we are all facing.

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