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To members of the Cheshire Academy community,

With the support, input, and confidence of the Cheshire Academy Board of Trustees and Board Chair Jennifer Freedman, I am pleased to share our plan for starting the 2020-2021 school year – *Looking Forward*. This school year will be like no other; yet we are confident in the plan we have developed and we are ready to meet the challenge together with our students, families, faculty and staff.

As members of a community, it is our responsibility to protect and care for one another. By following the basic expectations of wearing a face covering, practicing physical distancing, washing hands often, and spending as much time outdoors as possible, we will all be doing our part to decrease the risk of COVID-19 spread and exposure for everyone in our community. The health, safety, and wellness of our community is up to each of us. We are all responsible for our actions and for adhering to the expectations of the plan in order to keep one another safe.

Our plan is the final product of countless hours of task force work over the past four months, with added expertise and input from individuals leading the field in epidemiology, psychology, technology, and teaching and learning. As a result, we have designed an exemplary teaching and learning experience that is inclusive of all Cheshire Academy students—those who will be with us in person and those who will join us remotely. The unfailing commitment of our faculty and staff ensures we are prepared and will deliver the promise of the Cheshire Academy experience, meeting high standards and expectations, without compromise, and providing the programs, support and individualized attention for which the school is known.

In this constantly changing environment, we have made physical changes to campus, and enhanced, expanded, and improved spaces for learning, socializing, and playing. Modifications, including upgrades to technology in classrooms, will facilitate a seamless experience for concurrent schooling with remote and in-person learners. And as expected, campus-wide health and safety measures have been put into place and include an expanded health center, required COVID-19 PCR testing, increased sanitation, and CA-branded face masks.

The plan is thorough and comprehensive; I encourage you to read it all. And please, reach out at any time for clarification. I look forward to the possibilities of the new school year!

Warm regards,



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Head of School