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Dear KIS Community,

We are thrilled to be able to be welcoming members of the Class of 2020 back to campus today, and to be welcoming all of our students back to KIS in the coming weeks. Thank you for your efforts to flatten the curve and for helping Korea successfully trace and contain the Covid-19 pandemic. We will continue to be cautious as we return to campus, and we will work together as a community to adopt new habits that will continue to help us minimize risk throughout the summer and into the coming school year.

Our students have shown incredible resilience, and they have successfully met learning goals for the year and adapted incredibly well to the transition to Virtual KIS. When we are back on campus, we will focus on sharing feedback and celebrating the learning gains of the year; reconnecting with friends; and adopting new habits to work and play together with appropriate safeguards in place as we resume learning on campus with our entire school community.

In our parent survey last week, we clearly heard that a third of our community is eager to get back to campus as soon as possible; a third of our community would like to see students on campus for some modified end of year celebrations; and a third of our community is feeling worried about students being able to safely return to campus. The sentiments we are hearing from families aligns with our internal assessment and the regulations from local education offices and the KCDC.

We will stagger our return to school to allow time for celebrating learning, receiving feedback, and reconnecting with friends and teachers. We will follow a conservative approach to support students in learning new routines that will continue through our Saturday and summer programs and into the 2020-21 school year.

We will welcome PK-Grade 2, Grade 6, and Grade 9 students back to campus on Wednesday, May 27.

With the situation remaining stable, and continued MOE approval, we still anticipate being able to welcome Students in Grade 3-5, 7-8, and 10-11 back to campus on June 3.

While we are eager to welcome students back to campus, we also must remain patient to be sure the current level of health in our community is sustainable. We will cautiously welcome students back to celebrate the successes of 2019-20 and plan ahead for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michelle Quirin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Michelle Quirin
School Director