



July 16, 2020

Dear DWS Families,

As the opening of the school year approaches, we are working diligently to make sure we are operating in a sensible and safe manner. With the combination of media, social media platforms, and other outlets, we are bombarded with a multitude of information. This can be all consuming for everyone. For those of you who listen to a radio, my brain feels like a number on the dial that has competing radio stations fighting for the “right to play.” Each station could be pleasing alone, but together, it is nothing but static. However, we must keep our eyes focused on the problem, not the distractions. That said, we are still focused on opening school August 13th.

To be effective, we must focus on accomplishing these major areas:

- Take a deep breath and try to calm our nerves
- All families must report any Covid-19 related information regarding members of their family as soon as possible directly to at allen.lowe@deerfieldwindsor.com. Administration can make the best decision possible when all information is transparent and forthcoming. Your personal health information will be kept confidential.
- To be sure, people in our school community will contract the virus. Please be prepared to show empathy and compassion to those individuals.
- [Follow guidelines set by the CDC and local officials.](#)
- Masks will be required while we work to create successful physical distancing environments where a mask may not be needed.
- If possible, you are encouraged to minimize travel habits as we approach August 13th.

- Additionally, to give ourselves the best opportunity to open our doors in the safest manner possible, please consider limiting your social gatherings per the CDC guidelines.

For those families who have concerns about returning, we have a plan to offer distance learning for those students. Our plan is designed to be temporary until the concerns subside. We will use the same format for any student requiring temporary isolation due to illness and/or symptoms. Next week, I plan to send a general overview of reentry phases. The last week of July, you will receive a comprehensive plan broken down by division.

If we have learned anything through this process, we know we must stay flexible. Should we need to amend any of our policies, we will be sure to update you as soon as possible. Please refer to our Covid-19 website link for all related information.

Stay focused, and let's make it to August 13th together,

Allen Lowe
Head of School