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To Our Boys' Latin Community:

I am eager to share the *Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Health and Safety Plan* with you. Over the past several months, a dedicated committee of school stakeholders has worked closely with state and local officials, educators, and families to develop a comprehensive plan for the 2020-21 school year. The school's board of trustees approved the enclosed plan earlier this week and I join them in commending the committee on developing a plan that achieves the school's top priority – the health and safety of students and staff – and mission.

One of the most significant aspects of our plan is that it starts the school year with in-person learning every day for every student. We made this important decision for several reasons:

- Our use of a split-shift schedule, reduced class sizes, and strong building access protocols follows the guidelines of the health department that offer the lowest risk possible of disease transmission.
- We will use the first months to work closely with students to ensure that they understand how their laptop, internet, software, and other learning tools operate and establish clear lines of communication.
- If conditions improve and all restrictions are lifted, we will happily return to the all-day, daily in-person model. If conditions require another school closure, our students will be well-prepared to convert to a full distance learning model with minimal disruption to their learning.

I encourage you to thoroughly review the plan and complete the *Return to School Survey* to provide feedback and indicate your level of comfort with resuming in-person learning.

The upcoming school year presents unprecedented challenges that require all members of our school community – students, parents, faculty, and staff – to work harder than ever before. This is a tall order, but I am confident that together, we will prevail.

Sincerely,

David P. Hardy
Founder and Interim CEO