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Dear Resurrection Families,

We are pleased to present our "Return to Res 2020" Fall re-entry plan! Our "Return to Resurrection 2020" is our very best effort to balance our fervent belief that students are most fully formed academically and spiritually with in-person experiences, in addition to our responsibility to ensure a safe school and faith environment. Before reading our plan, it is important to first review the information contained below. If you have any questions, after your review of the plan, please feel free to contact our re-entry team at <u>Fall@reshs.org</u>.

In late June, 2020, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance and requirements to safely reopen schools this Fall. The most salient posts include:

- Social/physical distancing to the greatest extent possible
- COVID-19 symptom screenings
- School population restrictions, including large gatherings
- Increased school-wide cleaning measures

We strove to meet all ISBE requirements as well as accomplish the following goals as we crafted our plan:

- Maintain as many communal aspects as possible
- Protect instructional time while delivering high quality virtual instruction
- Limit physical interactions between persons, group gatherings
- Craft a schedule and policies that are fluid and flexible
- Implement extensive faculty professional formation to support students in an E-Learning environment.
- Craft a system that would lessen instructional disruption with a possible return to inperson or fully virtual learning.

We relied heavily upon the various agencies offering guidance, as well as the survey feedback from our parents and faculty members. Every faculty member and over 70% of our families participated in our surveys. **Collectively, most members of the community were (very) uncomfortable with a fully in-person (without social distancing) or fully E-Learning experience. The majority of respondents indicated that they were comfortable or preferred a re-entry scenario that limited population in both classroom and school building.** Based upon our various feedback measures and guidance from officials, our current plan accommodates 50% of our students returning to campus, thus ensuring the health and safety of all members of the school community. We know that there may be many questions or concerns. We encourage you to read the plan, as well as the accompanying FAQ's. If you have any questions, we ask that you email <u>Fall@reshs.org</u>. Members of the ReEntry team will monitor and respond to any questions or concerns.

If during the 2020-2021 Academic Year we find it necessary to transfer into the full e-learning mode, for a half of a semester or longer (more than 45 school days), we will do the following. We will calculate cost savings related to services such as utilities and housekeeping. We will then determine a formula for sharing those savings with our families.

As we welcome your daughters back to Resurrection, we depend upon the support of our students and families to help us ensure a safe and effective learning environment. As parents, we depend on you to ensure that your family follows all health and safety guidance from the various public health officials, the guidelines enacted by State and Local authorities, and those implemented by Resurrection.

As we move forward with the most fluid and evolving return to school in our history, we wish to convey our most genuine gratitude to our students and families; your understanding, feedback, and continued support drives our efforts. Everything that we do, we do for the young women entrusted to our care! We look forward to welcoming all of you back in a few weeks! We remain yours, as always, in

Charity and Truth,

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