



Maclay Families,

Yesterday we welcomed all teachers back to campus and we've lost count over the last week of the number of deliveries as supplies for the year roll in. We continue to be excited about our August 12th opening. We have been working over the last two months with consistently around 400 people on campus and we want to be responsible as we ramp that up to 1,000 for the school year.

We have been working all summer to rewrite every procedure and policy in the book and the teachers will be continuing that work throughout August as we refine what great education looks like in our new reality.

There are two main training focuses we will have as we ramp up the year. Every student on campus will need focused training on new personal and academic skill-sets. We rely on our faculty for this training and we want to create time for all involved to perfect these practices. This is extremely important as neither teachers nor students have seen each other in the classroom for 6 months.

So, there is much to do. To facilitate the easing into the school year and retraining everything from car-line, assignment submission, joining virtually from home, lunch, walking through the hallways, washing hands, and being responsible to minimize what the CDC terms as a "close contact", we are going to take several days to ramp up to full capacity.

This will look a little different based on the age and relative independence the students have on campus. If we do not get the behavioral training right at the beginning, we risk all of our work being for naught. We understand that this plan creates logistical challenges for our families during the time period when their students are transitioning to the full capacity. In starting this way, we are aiming to give our team the strongest foundation for long term success with the intention of being able to offer as much consistency as possible for our students over the course of this school year.

Therefore, the 'Ramp to Full' plan for each division is below:

Pre-K: Due to the small classroom sizes and low student-teacher ratio, we do not believe a phased entry is necessary for this age group and in fact that it could prove counterproductive. Therefore, all on campus and virtual students will report as planned on August 12th.

[Lower School](#)

[Middle School & Upper School](#)

Thank you for your partnership, support, and flexibility as we look forward to the start of this school year. We know it will be a year that brings new challenges, but I know that we have worked hard to prepare in every way we can and am so excited to welcome your children back to another year of learning at Maclay – whether they are joining us in our Concurrent Virtual Classroom or here on campus.

Sincerely,
James



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