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A Message from the Head of School

Dear Students,

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and safe. As I have shared in previous messages, the evolving circumstances of COVID-19 require we maintain a flexible, informed approach to campus safety. Lags in testing and increases in cases continue to persist in the United States. These trends reinforce that Marianapolis is part of a national and global community; unfortunately, we believe we cannot yet provide a meaningful, healthy residential experience given current circumstances in our region. With many aspects of the virus still regrettably uncontrolled, I have decided to postpone the return of boarders to our campus. Students who are outside of commuting distance will be asked to begin the trimester studying via our virtual platforms.

Campus has undergone considerable preparation to accommodate the student learning experience. We have reinforced our infrastructure and platforms, including adding Clear Touch screens to our classrooms. This technology allows students to remain actively engaged in a hands-on, interactive environment. Connecting with the class is seamless, offering the best of both real-time instruction and virtual learning opportunities.

As of this outreach, we anticipated welcoming back a portion of the boarding population later this month. Our enthusiasm for their return was and is extraordinary. We will continue to systematically review the viability of reopening campus for boarders; we know that travel and visa restrictions continue to be a challenge for many of our families worldwide. As we await additional guidance and clearance for international and domestic travel support, please anticipate our next update on or before September 7, 2020. In the interim, students are advised to postpone purchasing tickets for air travel until we have confirmed details for welcoming back the residential community.

Whether we are socially distanced on site or connecting peers and adults virtually, this community will continue to thrive with resilience and faith. We pray that the coming weeks will bring healing to the sick and innovative inspiration to the world's scientific leaders. And the indomitable spirit of Marianapolis will triumph as we continue to weather this storm together. Please continue to [monitor updates](#) from Assistant Head of School, Mr. DiCicco, or me on reopening campus for our boarding community.

Warm regards,

Joe Hanrahan
Head of School