

# HOTCHKISS

August 27, 2020

Dear Hotchkiss Students,

*We believe that a healthy and inclusive learning community nourishes students physically, emotionally, and intellectually; fosters joy in learning and living with others; and ensures that all feel safe, seen, and supported.*

In anticipation of realizing our goal, we are looking forward to welcoming students back to campus beginning next week; and while logistical preparations continue to evolve at dizzying speeds, our expectations for individual and communal responsibility have been clear from the moment when we initially decided to re-open school:

- Provide for the health and safety of all Hotchkiss community members; and
- Continue to inspire all students with an exceptional educational experience.

While these may be uncharted waters, The Hotchkiss School motto—*Guided by each other, let us seek better paths*—continues to inform our vision for the community we strive to realize. We're all in this together, and together we will succeed and thrive.

Towards that end, I ask that you read, reflect upon, and sign our Community Compact, and then bring it with you to campus as a formal articulation of your commitment to joining our community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [smckibben@hotchkiss.org](mailto:smckibben@hotchkiss.org) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,

Steve McKibben P'22  
Dean of Community Life

# THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMPACT

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## *Guided by Each Other...*

We commit ourselves to responsible citizenship during these uncertain times so that we all may actively contribute to a healthy and inclusive learning community that nourishes students physically, emotionally, and intellectually, fosters joy in learning and living with others; and ensures that all feel safe seen and supported.

As part of our commitment, we pledge to

- Wash our hands frequently and thoroughly;
- Practice responsible physical distancing; and
- Wear a face mask when in common spaces.

In addition, we pledge that we will

- Monitor our own health and be alert to rising fevers, coughing, sneezing, etc.
- Contact the Health Center if feeling medically unwell or the Counseling Center if feeling emotionally unwell;
- Follow all procedures for entering, congregating in, and exiting public spaces;
- Participate in contact tracing when necessary; and
- Comply with all testing and quarantining requirements.

Since the safety of all members of the Hotchkiss community depends upon the personal accountability accepted and practiced by each one of us, willful or reckless violations of our protocols and policies will result in a student being immediately required to leave campus and face formal disciplinary responses, which may include, but are not limited to, suspension from campus or, in repeated or egregious cases, dismissal.

It is our choice to attend Hotchkiss, and by doing so we are choosing to comply with those protocols and policies designed to ensure the health and safety of all.

Please reflect on the sacrifices we are all making so that we can commune safely in person and on the behaviors we will need to sustain if we wish to remain on campus and to create the intentional community to which we all aspire.

Please sign below to commit to joining our community.

This is my best path... \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY STUDENTS, PLEASE SHARE THIS SIGNED COPY WITH YOUR ADVISORS WHEN YOU MEET WITH THEM;  
RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS, PLEASE DELIVER THIS TO THE DORM FACULTY ON YOUR FLOOR.**