

## ***Mrs. Holly Leach, Superintendent***

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Dear Families,

In this time of great focus on the health and safety of our families, we welcome you to the new school year that includes all the preparations in place for a successful year of healthy learning and growth. Our team has been working diligently to produce a plan that emphasizes the physical health and safety as well as the social and emotional well-being of our students. A special thank you for their part in this effort is expressed to our Opening Task Force, Medical Advisory Team, NCA Leadership Team and School Board.

School begins in 35 days! The many school year details will be communicated to you on Monday via newsletter from your division principal. As school year plans are formulated and new procedures are implemented, we are focused on our primary purpose: to provide the best and safest learning environment for our children.

### **One School with two Options**

**On Campus Learning:** We have been blessed with a large school campus that affords us some advantages during this pandemic: 166,000 square feet of building space, 33 acres, 8 recess areas, 7 large auditorium style spaces, 60 large classrooms, and a strong parent/school partnership of cooperation and commitment. Our HVAC air filtration system has been calibrated to high filtering and fresh air levels meeting the CDC 'pandemic' settings. We have invested in sanitizing and cleaning systems that are state-of-the-art and utilized throughout the campus every day, and extra high touch cleaning schedules are ready to be activated in September.

We are in weekly communication with the Snohomish County Health District to stay informed about best practices in the school setting, and we are ready to implement their mandates of: masks, social distancing, daily temperature checks, only allowing healthy students and staff on campus, frequent handwashing, limiting visitors, and maintaining small groups.

We have prepared our on campus learning to quickly pivot to distance learning if mandated. Our Tech Education team has prepared for a seamless classroom instruction shift led by the classroom teacher. We have enhanced and streamlined our distance learning efforts to achieve the highest level of student success. Our focus and priority will be to return to in-person instruction as soon as possible if a period of distance learning is required.

**100% Virtual Academy Learning** for families who choose to remain home while at NCA. We will provide: excellent NCA teachers assigned to each student, high quality curriculum, learning goals aligned to NCA standards, participation in some virtual events, and the ability to slide into open classroom seats when available.

To keep you informed, we will be posting a more detailed comprehensive plan on our website this Wednesday, and a special Zoom Parent Meeting will be scheduled for this Friday to answer questions and provide insight into our rationale for opening school this Fall for in-person instruction. See the link below for Zoom meeting information.

To address any parent concerns about student face-mask requirements, we want to let you know that our ELC five-year-olds and Summer Program campers have adjusted very well to them. We will be following the advice of the Health District listed below. Additionally, NCA mask decoration and fabric guidelines will require nothing offensive, politically charged in nature, or scary.

All students will wear masks throughout the day. Masks can be removed during outside recess. All students should bring two 'fresh masks' every day. Masks are preferred over shields. A well fitted face shield is acceptable in place of a mask.

We welcome you to join us this Friday, Aug. 14th at 9:00 a.m. for a Zoom Parent Meeting. The meeting will be recorded and available on the NCA website by Monday, Aug. 17.

Sincerely,

Holly Leach  
Superintendent

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