

## Media Release

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Tonight, the Eastmont School Board approved our district's Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year. The plan includes specific guidance on health and safety requirements for students and staff. Included are details for how we will phase students back onto our campuses as soon as safely possible. It also shares options for families wishing to remain in a remote learning model through most or all of this upcoming school year.

This plan will evolve and change as circumstances in our Valley change. Please know we have worked hard to create a plan which can rapidly transition from a remote model to an in-person model should a student, group of students, school or our District be required to stop face to face instruction.

As we open, our youngest students and those with special needs will be the first to return to campus. As conditions allow, remaining students will incrementally be invited back. Fundamental to our plans are smaller groups (cohorts) to reduce the potential for transmission and quarantines of entire schools.

We know students and parents have a lot of questions about the pending school year. Now that we have a base plan in place, our focus turns to communication and sharing the plan with staff, students, and parents. We will be listening to feedback, answering questions, and adjusting "the plan" as we move forward into the school year. Given conditions, and sometimes guidance, are constantly changing, the answer may be, "We don't know, but we'll work on this and get back to you."

Please take the opportunity these next couple of weeks to join in school level meetings. Principals and Program Administrators will be sharing further site-specific information with parents and looking for feedback from families to adjust and improve plans.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Eastmont. As staff, we value the relationship with our families and the trust you extend to us to create and support safe and secure learning environments for students and our community.