



COMMONWEALTH ACADEMY

March 12, 2021

Dear Parents,

I come to you today to share the exciting news that C/A will be returning to full-time, in-person instruction and operations for the 2021-2022 school year. All students will be able to be on campus five days a week starting on Tuesday, September 7th, the official first day of the school year.

This decision was made following a thorough and thoughtful process that took into consideration current local data and projected trends, safety initiatives, national and regional planned vaccination schedules, and recommendations from the experts with whom we have been consulting. It is important to mention that should the Commonwealth of Virginia mandate school closures or issue any directive impacting in-person instruction, we will comply.

In order to ensure continued operational success, C/A will continue to abide by the on-campus safety guidelines in place, which have consistently proven effective and have allowed us to remain open without interruption since October (masks, cleaning protocols, 1-1 computer program, one-way directional engineering, etc.).

There are still some logistical variables being evaluated, such as the feasibility of reinstating our lunch program and how off-campus activities, after-school clubs and sports will be structured. Much of this will be determined by sports leagues guidelines in effect at that juncture and required protocols. We will continue to do everything we can to safely return to the many trips and activities that define our program and will communicate details as soon as they become available.

The past 12 months have presented all of us with unique challenges. Through it all, we have worked together and supported one another, and the strength of our partnership has allowed us to stay safe, progress, and thrive. The VAIS Accreditation Visiting Team members, who were with us this week, also were extremely impressed by C/A and its culture, as well as by its program, forward-thinking strategic approach, intentional focus on mission and care for its students, and by its strong financial standing. On behalf of the C/A team, please allow me to extend to each of you our deepest gratitude. We have much to be proud of and to celebrate as a community.

Thank you for your trust and for being such wonderful partners in education, and here's to a great 2021-2022 school year!

Warmly,

Anabelle C. Morgan
Head of School