

2020-2021 Welcome Letter

Dear iLearn Schools Community:

First and foremost, we hope that you and your families are staying healthy and well. We also hope that everyone enjoyed the Summer and is ready for the 2020-2021 school year! iLearn Schools is fully committed to everyone's safe return, and we are taking all measures necessary to ensure that this happens. In these challenging times, our goal is to continue providing assistance for any community members in need, while helping everyone across our schools to slowly and safely return to normalcy. We would also like to thank our staff members for staying always committed to our schools and for participating in our COVID-19 response survey. The results from this survey provided strong feedback around iLearn's ability to continue achieving our mission and vision during this time. 96% of staff members believe "iLearn has taken appropriate action in response to COVID-19." 87% of staff "have confidence in the organization's ability to overcome the challenges faced by COVID-19." 85% of staff feel that "iLearn cares strongly about their health and safety." This feedback is truly valuable, as the health and safety of our school community remains our number one priority as we return.

To ensure that we see a safe and sustainable return to school, specific safety measures and protocols have been strategically put in place. This starts with our hybrid learning model that will see half of all students attend school each day, allowing for enough classroom space to strictly follow social distancing requirements. To achieve this hybrid learning approach, iLearn will equip all students in grades 3-12 with Chromebooks. All students and teachers will also receive login information to access our Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology. Classrooms will furthermore be equipped with HD desktop cameras, tripods, bluetooth headsets, and all technological devices needed for live-streaming lessons so that students can follow along with instruction from home as well. Students in group "A" will attend school in-person on Mondays and Wednesdays, while group "B" students will attend school in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays with each group rotating between in-person and virtual learning on Fridays. Everyone must wear a mask when inside our school buildings. Masks and PPE materials will also be made available for all staff members. Temperature checks will be conducted on a daily basis upon entry into our school buildings. In addition to deep cleaning of all schools prior to day one, very strict cleaning and disinfecting practices will occur on a regular basis throughout the school year. Maintaining a high level of cleanliness will be an ongoing process and will serve as a proactive means of preventing the spread of illness. In case any cases do arise at any given point in the school year, iLearn Schools will carefully practice contact tracing.

In an effort to remain responsive throughout this evolving situation, our iReturn task force has also been established to make necessary adjustments based on feedback from all stakeholders and according to the most current state guidelines. From day one, we will follow the guidelines below:

- 1.) Temperature checks will be conducted by ADOs and Assistant ADOs at a common entrance on each campus every time that an individual enters or returns to the school building.
- 2.) Maximum occupancy signs will be posted on the doors of every room, and we will strictly adhere to these limits to meet social distancing requirements.
- 3.) Staff will not come to work when showing symptoms or feeling sick.
- 4.) All individuals in the school will wear masks at all times.

We are excited to begin the process of slowly returning to our normal routines and schedules in a very safe way. iLearn's motto is to reopen smart and return safe.

We are also excited for our graduation ceremonies that will now bring the 2019-2020 school year to an official close. We are truly proud of our graduates, and we look forward to overcoming any challenge ahead together.

If you have any questions or feedback for our iReturn Task Force, you may contact Mrs. Renahan, Chief Special Programs Officer, at mrenahan@ilearnschools.org. For any questions regarding school operations, entry procedures, and full-time remote learning service requests, you may reach out to Mr. Kul, iLearn Schools Chief Operations Officer (ykul@ilearnschools.org). For questions specific to contact tracing, you may reach out to Mr. Patire, iLearn Schools Consultant, at ppatire@ilearnschools.org. Any questions concerning Human Resources can be addressed by Mrs. Semenova (zsemenova@ilearnschools.org), iLearn Schools Director of Human Resources.

Thank you for your ongoing devotion to our schools, and we are confident that we will succeed no matter the challenge in front of us.