



July 17, 2020

Dear New Horizon School Community,

Since the All-School Meeting on June 25, there have been a number of significant developments that have impacted our decision-making processes for the 2020-2021 school year. While our task forces have been hard at work to prepare the school for re-entry according to guidelines provided by the State of California and the City of Pasadena back in June, COVID data has taken a turn for the worse.

In meetings in the past 2-3 weeks with the Pasadena Dept. of Health and the Los Angeles County Dept. of Health for K-12 schools, I, along with leaders of other private and public schools, received advisements that there are **no official directives to open schools** due to the growing and disturbing trends of a **higher positivity rate and substantial increases in hospitalizations in LA County**. With today's orders from **Governor Newsom**, it is now **officially confirmed that schools in counties on the COVID-19 watch list**, which includes LA County, **may not reopen on campus** at this time and not until the county drops off the watch list for a 14-day period.

Due to these orders and the concerns about health and safety risks for our students and staff, we, in the NHSP School Leadership Team and the NHSP Board of Trustees, believe it is in the best interest of our school community to make a decision now to **reopen in September with 100% remote learning for Quarter 1** (Sept. 1- Nov. 1) with periodic updates to determine the plans for Quarter 2 based on the status of the virus, cases, vaccine, etc. This will allow the school leadership team and task forces to finalize the Remote Learning 2.0 plan and all the trainings and logistics in August to be ready for the **first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 1**.

On **Friday, July 24, at 9 am**, we will hold a special **All-School Meeting** to explain this decision and present the **2020-2021 NHSP School Learning Plan** which will highlight all of the **new and improved features of Remote Learning 2.0** and provide details on the preparations for school, parent and student orientations, Meet Your Teacher Day, and so on. We are also scheduling a special meeting on **Thursday, July 23 at 9 am for Incoming Preschool and Pre-K parents** to discuss the plans for the early childhood program more specifically. Questions will be welcome at both of these meetings.

Zoom Meeting Room: <https://zoom.us/j/4565305779> (password: nhsp2020)

We hope you will join us next Friday (and next Thursday for incoming PS & PK families) to review the plan together and forge ahead into our future with greater certainty and stability for our school community.

Sincerely,

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Amira Al-Sarraf
Head of School

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Ziad Khan
Board Chair