



July 21, 2020

Dear Pike Family,

I hope your summer has been a safe and healthy one. I don't think any of us could imagine that we would still find ourselves in the midst of the ever-increasing threat of the COVID virus this far into summer and this close to school starting. As you consider your plans for your students returning to school for the 2020-2021 school year, I wanted to make you aware of the ongoing research and preparations the Board of Trustees and administration have been working on.

Over the past few months, an appointed "School Reopening Committee" has been meeting to discuss how we can best keep your students as safe and healthy as possible while also providing them with a positive environment for academic and social development.

As you know, the expert opinions and guidelines have changed often which has delayed the release of our plans for too long.

While none of us may know what the school year will look like, we can all agree it will be different. The Foundation Board recognizes you need as much information as possible as you make your own plans.

We have met and determined that we will be starting school on campus, pending a government order, on August 12.

We are announcing our **PATRIOTS TOGETHER** plan for returning to school. This comprehensive plan will include details into health and safety measures, investments in technology and sanitation, increased health support and an outline of the processes and procedures should your student need to be quarantined and how they will easily be transitioned into distance learning.

We have added a page to pikelib.com to serve as a resource for all COVID related communication and the PATRIOTS TOGETHER plan will be consistently updated and available for viewing at any time.

While we are in the final review stages of publishing that plan, we would like to share with you some highlights that we believe will answer some of your most immediate questions and concerns. You will find attached a graphic that briefly outlines our plan for masks, campus

nurses, daily symptom checks, enrichment & extracurricular activities, enhanced sanitation efforts, and distance learning readiness.

In the coming days, we will release the PATRIOTS TOGETHER plan that will give in-depth detail into other areas of what you can expect from our school, as well as our expectations from you.

While things may look and feel differently for an undetermined amount of time, our priority remains the same. One of our core beliefs is that “students learn best when they are actively engaged in the learning process within a safe environment.” Perhaps we are coming into an even better understanding of what that truly means.

Mr. Burkett remains accessible at eburkett@pikelib.com or 334-662-7917 (cell).

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your extended patience and support. We are a Pike family and I have full confidence in our faculty, administration and families coming together. We can do this, as PATRIOTS TOGETHER.

Thank you,

John Henderson
Chairman, PLAS Foundation Board of Trustees