



July 23, 2020

Dear Families,

The governor and superintendent announced earlier this afternoon that the Department of Health Services (DHS) may recommend further delays to in-person schooling based on certain metrics. The metrics have not yet been developed, but according to the Governor's Executive Order (EO 2020-51) DHS will be required to establish them no later than August 7th. As soon as we have those, we will update you on the possible impact to academies.

From the beginning, our planning accounted for the possibility of further delays. Flexibility has been a fundamental part of our plan. Our determination to provide the very best education for our students remains paramount.

One thing is for sure, this latest announcement underscores the need to start online in early August. In fact, the governor made clear that delaying instruction until campuses can reopen is not allowed. All of our schools will be opening on, or close to, their originally scheduled start date with online education. While remote learning is not ideal, it is better than another month of our children being completely disconnected from their teachers, subjects, and academic growth.

Importantly, we are making improvements to the remote learning experience that will afford our students and teachers greater connection to one another and greater support. We hope you will join us on July 27th at 1:30 pm MST for our next townhall on [the Great Hearts Facebook page](#) where we will spend most of the time reviewing remote learning for August and the months following.

While we continue to navigate uncertain times, there are some things that remain solid. The teachers and staff at your academies are ready to serve you and your children. They are the most dedicated, loving, and hopeful educators in the country, committed to ensuring our kids don't fall behind. Because of them, we have much to be thankful for.

Sincerely,
Erik