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Dear Faculty/Families,

As much as we have come to loathe the phrase, it does not make it any less true: we are living in “unprecedented times” in which things are constantly changing. Because of this, I believe that a centralized, consistent source of communication is vital to our success. Starting this week, I will begin sending a weekly email to keep you up to date on the most current information as it pertains to the Great Hearts Arizona network. Please continue to look to your academy’s headmaster for specific communication about your school.

For many of you, the Great Hearts Distance Learning program is top of mind. We realize that there have been several changes since we launched our Safe Return plan back in June. To offer greater clarity about those changes, I’ve included a [brief two-page document](#) that summarizes what you can expect from GHDL and the differences you will see from the remote learning conducted in Spring 2020. You can also find the document on the Arizona-specific Safe Return website ([www.greatheartsamerica.org/safereturn/az/](http://www.greatheartsamerica.org/safereturn/az/)).

As a reminder, per state and local ordinances, when our campuses reopen this fall, we will be implementing a face covering policy. All students, faculty and staff, and visitors to our campuses will be required to wear a face mask/shield. You can review our policy by [clicking here](#).

At our last townhall we mentioned that we will be sending out a Family Choice Form for parents to indicate whether they will be coming back to campus or participating in GHDL. This form will be sent to you on July 23 via email. Please complete the form for each student within your household by Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, I wanted to send one final reminder that we will be hosting a second townhall on **Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm MST live on the [Great Hearts Facebook page](#)**. We will be discussing the GHDL program in greater depth. We will also share examples of a typical GHDL school day as well as a description of a day on campus once in-person learning begins. We will certainly answer any questions you have as well. You can also submit your questions ahead of the townhall by [clicking here](#). Please do join us to find out more information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

All my Best,  
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