

April 2, 2021

Dear TCS Students, Families and Staff,

I am writing this letter to provide District updates and transitional plans as we prepare our TCS community for a return to in-person learning on April, 19th, the Monday after Spring Break. I want everyone to know that I share your collective concerns around health and safety issues as the TCS community works with our newly formed Building Safety Committee to ensure that all classrooms are stocked with PPEs and other safety measures for student return to the classroom.

A variety of measures to promote safety, including physical distancing, face coverings, cleaning, ventilation, and managing building occupancy are all being employed in our building. We are preparing to welcome staff and students to our building which will be a different use of space given social distancing of 6ft, face mask requirements and a stringent protocol of cleaning classrooms and community spaces. Additionally, we are working on a Secondary Instructional Remote/In-Person Model which is still in SPS/SEA bargaining outcomes with a pending TA (Tentative Agreement).

In sharing some logistics, for April 19th, students will enter the building through the Southeast doors and stairs (located across from Chihuly and the Collection Café, next to Starbucks entry) where they will be greeted by our Attendance Specialist, Kathy Webb to ensure that they have completed the attestation form and are wearing masks. Staff will share the building planning regarding entry and exits using the ramp to 3rd and 4th floor prior to our 1st in-person meeting on April 19th. I did a walk-through with the Armory Facilities staff and TCS staff for an HVAC building assessment and we are ready for student and staff return.

The Secondary Family Survey was posted by SPS at 5pm for your preview in detailing a family survey on enrollment in gathering student attendance for the remainder of the 2021 school year. Parents are asked to respond by Tuesday, April 6th. Given the District's survey and timeline, The Center School has created its own survey requesting that same information so that we can get a tentative enrollment count of in-person student attendance in creating Cohort Models for students in hybrid and students in remote learning engagement for our Wednesday re-opening activity. Students will begin afternoon classes after a 30-minute lunch and 15-minute passing time (45 minutes transitioning time to school and in-person learning). Please complete the school's survey this weekend and submit so that we can have a ballpark figure on our in-person attendance in the Armory and in our classroom counts.

TCS Survey – Please complete and submit this weekend.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WNEEx1HRgMkiHg1Hqb23SJ_6f13tbpXBBju204e0e0KRURUQ4UFFCSE9RR0MxVTdZMEIUNVRUVUxVRi4u

In preparing for our student return, Kathy Webb, Attendance Specialist has included the following information for parents regarding free/reduced lunch and Orca cards:

- Students that are eligible for free/reduced lunch, please email Kathy and she will mail you a form to be filled out and returned.
- Students that have not picked up their Orca Cards, and have one here at TCS, can email Kathy for their card and she will mail it to you next week. If you do not have an Orca Card or need a

replacement card, you must request a replacement. It was cost \$5.50, and it takes about a week to be delivered to TCS. At that time, it can either be mailed or you can pick it up at TCS.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support. As soon as I can share more next week, I will with additional bargaining and school readiness updates. Have a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully,

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