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Moving Forward . . .

Dear Miramonte Families,

As you may know, our school's operations come under the direction of the Education Department of the Central California Conference of SDA, as well as the Santa Clara County of Public Health for health issues. It is from these two authorities that we have been seeking guidance.

On June 30, 2020, the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health issued a document giving schools guidance on how to safely reopen schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The document states, "We recognize the importance of returning students to school campuses for in-person instruction, as well as the overarching need to protect the health and safety of our students, school staff, and broader community." A week ago the Central California Conference's Education Department published its document "Reentry and Beyond."

With these goals and guidelines in mind and out of an abundance of caution, Miramonte Christian School has been studying both documents and developing a re-entry plan that applies to our school situation. I realize that you want to see the plan sooner than later, but we also want to have a plan we have thought through the various parts of the school day, such as how we screen and allow entrance to campus, procedures for lunch and recess, and using the restrooms, even how we clean and disinfect to keep our school environment sanitized. We are harmonizing in-person instruction with the health and safety for our students and staff, and all of their families. I am tempted to give you a date for receiving the plan but will hold off; I will get it to you as soon as is possible.

Please keep in mind that the success of any plan will depend on how carefully everyone - staff, students and parents - follow through on the details of the plan. You can help by taking the time now, if you haven't already done so, to talk with your children about wearing masks, the proper hand washing technique, how to sneeze and other healthy behaviors, keeping social distancing even when they see a friend in person they haven't seen for months, to be careful to follow staff directions right away, to follow posted signage, being careful what they touch, not sharing, and not coming to school even if you consider the illness minor. You can help now by having a plan so that if your child gets sick at school, someone will pick him or her up right away.

And you can also help by keeping the school in prayer as we prayerfully create the most prudent first steps in an ongoing process to educate and care for your children. Thank you for your tremendous support. WE pray for all of you daily. God bless you all!

Yours truly,

Rick Maloon
Principal

