

Dear SRV Families,

So much has happened in the world and in our communities since we last saw each other on the grounds of SRV. And while the pandemic has impacted us all in ways that we could not have imagined, the SRV staff has worked diligently to maintain a sense of community, connection with our students, and stability in our curriculum's transition online. As we move into our tenth week of distance learning, we wanted to update you on the school's plans for the future.

What We Know Now

Pennsylvania officials have said that schools will return to in-person learning in the Fall and we're already looking ahead to next year. Our goal is to provide you all a clear roadmap for the fall so you can make informed decisions about your child's learning. Rest assured that we are taking a mission-driven, community-centered, and data-informed approach to our decision making. We will share details on return schedules as soon as we can.

Potential Scenarios for Reopening

State officials have given no clear guidance, as yet, on social distancing requirements for schools to reopen in September. Nevertheless, SRV is preparing for multiple scenarios, in case there are shifting closures and government guidelines that direct how we operate.

We're looking into smaller class sizes, staggered schedules, a hybrid of distance and in-person learning, and new campus foot traffic patterns. School leadership is considering these and many other possibilities. Our approach will be tailored to the specific needs of each age group, from OG to YG.

Health & Safety

When we do return to campus we want to be prepared to keep your children, our staff, and the community safe and healthy. SRV is partnering with the Chester County Health Department and a number of local camp and school organizations to develop an effective set of health and safety practices so that we can mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and ensure continuity of learning. We will have more detailed information about these practices in the coming months.

Financial Impact

Many of you are understandably concerned about the financial aspect of the school's response. There will be significant additional expenses and perhaps increased financial need next academic year. So as we formulate plans for how to deliver the best possible SRV education, we are also studying the financial implications of this crisis on the school and on our families. Once we have a stronger sense of the trajectory of the virus, the demands on the school in regard

to health and safety precautions, financial aid, staffing, and technological infrastructure, we will convey changes, if any, to the SRV financial model.

We understand parents' desire for clarity and certainty. We are working diligently to put plans in place as quickly as we responsibly can. We are committed to sustaining a school with a long tradition. We are committed to preserving our culture. Know that we value the SRV community tremendously and have our children's needs at the forefront of our thinking.

Sincerely,

The School in Rose Valley Board of Trustees