

Summerfield

WALDORF SCHOOL AND FARM

Early Childhood through High School • Established 1974

November 2, 2020

Dear Summerfield Community,

Late Friday the state announced it accepted our waiver request. We can begin to put it into effect on November 11th. As it is safer to phase in slowly, and at that point we are approaching the end of a block, we will start by combining the split classes in grades 1-4 on the 11th; 5th and 6th grades will continue their current schedule for this block. We plan to be fully implemented after Thanksgiving break, having grades 1-6 on campus until mid-day with learning from home in the afternoons as appropriate by age and then using small group protocol for the upper grades during the afternoon period. Parents who want to continue full-day distance learning can still do so. Details will come later from the Core Groups and teachers.

For the school as a whole it means that we will have a more stable schedule for grades 1-6, and a more frequent rotation for our upper grades on campus in the afternoons. These groups will continue to be no larger than 16, including teachers, and we cannot have too many on campus at one time.

It is our intention to continue to be outside as much as possible. However, under our waiver and small group protocols we can be inside when practicing social distancing, wearing masks and following the other hygiene protocols. As the weather turns, we will keep you posted on this matter.

Our on-campus experiences have been wonderful for the students of all ages. All are working hard to be consequent of the need for safety, and, with the flexibility of the young, they are finding ways to learn together and have the social experiences so important for their development. It continues to be a fulfilling experience for all.

In gratitude for your commitment to our school,

Ignacio Garat, Jason Gross, and Rachel McGarva, The Governance Council