

Our lives, our school, our county, state, country and world continue to be in a unique state of flux due to the pandemic. This means decisions are difficult as the data they are based on is unreliable or improperly reported.

Here is what we know:

- The Faculty, Staff, College and Board are deeply committed to the well-being now and in the future of our unique and special school, and the stronger we are as a community, the more successful this striving will be.
- The County will not be off the watchlist by August 17th and likely not for some weeks.
- The waiver process has been placed on hold by the state.
- We continue to pursue every avenue of safely having school on campus.
- We can have orientations of students in groups no larger than 10.
- Uncertain conditions and data will continue to be the norm for some time.

What does this mean for our school?

- **The High School** will begin the year learning from home until the county is off the watchlist for 14 days. Rather than the full week of special days we were working on for the week of the August 10th, we will have part-day orientations and announce soon a schedule for next week of small groups.
- **ECE** will be on campus under the protocols of daycare.
- **Lower School** will pursue the waiver to have school on campus while the county is on the watchlist. Our application is submitted to SCOE, even though the process is on hold.

What we do not know but continue to explore:

- We are appealing a decision by the county that our outdoor plan 1st-12th grades would not be permitted under the Governor's plan. This appeal is predicated on the basis that the Governor's plan does not address outdoor learning. It was not ruled as unsafe by our County Health Officer; she did not address that question.
- If and when the Lower School grades 1-6 may be granted a waiver. (Our waiver application does not concern our ECE program as it is all under the daycare licensing.)
- If the Lower School can run a partial on-campus day camp while waiting to hear about the waiver. The idea is to run optional art, craft and farming activities for students with their teachers. They would take home the "academic" school work for learning at home.