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Dear Harbor Families,

As many of you will know, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) released [guidelines for re-opening schools](#) last Thursday. We were all excited to hear Chris Reykdal, the Superintendent for Public Instruction for the State of Washington, say that “to be very clear, it is my expectation that schools will open this fall for in-person instruction.”

That statement gives us a clear mandate to continue to plan for a safe and healthy re-opening of Harbor School on August 31st. Teri and Mark met on Thursday afternoon and the Board of Trustees met on Friday. The Health and Safety Advisory Committee met this weekend and the faculty are meeting with Teri and Mark today. The Technology Advisory Committee is continuing to meet and will do so again on Tuesday. The survey sent out to the Community closes on Tuesday at midnight. Therefore, if you have not filled out the survey, please do. Your input is an important part of our planning. Discussions will continue at the Board level this week with another meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for this coming Friday. More information on all three models of re-opening will be distributed to families by June 22nd.

As anticipated and as relayed in the guidance from OSPI, in-person school will need to meet certain health expectations. Students, staff, volunteers, and guests must wear cloth face coverings. Health screening must be conducted at entry each day. The Health screenings will check for signs of illness for all staff and students and physical distancing of six feet must be practiced. In order to adhere to some of those social distancing guidelines, we may need to limit and/or stagger the number of individuals in a building at one time. Additionally, no students, staff, vendors, parents and guardians, or guests can be allowed on-site if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

In order for Harbor School to re-open for in-person instruction in the fall, these, and many other guidelines must be followed. We are working to ensure a safe return to campus in the fall while at the same time making plans to clearly articulate remote learning as well as a hybrid model of learning that will allow students to work from school and from home. We will continue to keep you updated throughout the summer as we consolidate our planning and continue to monitor State and King County Public

Health guidelines. If the King County health situation changes during August, this could impact the ability of both Private and Public King County schools to open campus in the fall.

For the time being we will continue to plan based upon the guidance mandated and look forward to a safe return to campus. The link to the OSPI guidance will also be posted online at harborschool.org

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Mark

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