



August 15, 2020

Dear GISB community,

I hope this email finds you well as we are all approaching the reopening date of our two campuses on Holton Street and at Western Ave. Yesterday, as planned, the opening concept for our [elementary](#) and our [secondary](#) students at the Upper Campus was sent out to you by our Upper Campus Section Heads. The overall [Health and Safety Guidelines](#) for our school were scheduled and emailed to everyone by Pia Offenberger as our Head of Administration on Wednesday. These documents contain our pedagogical approaches but also vital aspects and procedures to protect the health and safety of all concerned in the upcoming opening and running of the school. We therefore ask you please to read everything carefully and talk all points thoroughly through with your children. The successful reopening of the school will rely on the continuing and combined efforts and responsibility of every individual and every family and the mutual support and understanding of one another that is so prevalent in our GISB community.

This upcoming week is now our Back-to-School-Week, where all members of staff on both campuses will traditionally be taking part in the routine yearly courses and preparations. This year, however, the majority of time has been put aside for specialized training and preparations with regard to our new situation of hybrid learning and Covid-19 in general.

We are very satisfied that we are progressing well within the timeline, which we have set up in our school reopening plan and are now looking forward to having things up and running on August 26.

I know I said this last week but I don't think I can say it often enough. A huge "thank you" to everyone who is, and continues to be, involved in this gigantic project. As Head of School I witness an unbelievable task force, administration, leadership team and faculty working tirelessly and dedicatedly throughout the summer and over the weekends to make the timely reopening of the school possible.

Please be assured that Health and Safety remain our absolute priority. With that in mind though, it is going to be wonderful to see our students back in person at the end of the summer vacation. That is what we have worked so hard for all these past weeks, and the thought of being back at both campuses was with us in every single work hour.

We will continue to update you as we move along.

Stay safe and best regards

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