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Dear GISB community,

I would like to thank you for taking the time during this vacation period and participating in our questionnaire concerning school re-opening. All in all 114 families from both the Lower and Upper Campuses took part, and we received detailed and valuable feedback, which our taskforce can now incorporate into their ongoing planning for the weeks ahead.

As I wrote to you before we were hoping to receive some specific, official guidelines by the end of July. We have not as of yet received any concrete guidelines on either a state or city level, nor any confirmation of when such guidelines will be published. Some people might find this frustrating, but we are determined not to let this slow us down, and the taskforce is intensively preparing our next steps towards the school opening. We are aware, though, that we might have to adjust our planning to align ourselves to those guidelines and regulations when they are published.

It is uncharted territory that we are navigating through, and many necessary decisions are not always going to be easy. We ask for your understanding and patience in this. Please be assured that our priority is, and always will be, our students, staff and community and their health and safety.

A note on the side: You might have read in the press that some schools or some districts are wondering whether to postpone the start of their schooling by approximately two weeks. Our plans in this respect have not altered. We want to be back in Western Ave and Holton Street and are looking forward to seeing and teaching our students on August 26, and this is the goal that we are making our preparations for.

Once again, thank you so much for all the support and making this such a wonderful community to be a part of.

Best wishes,

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