

# MEMO

**To:** Kiefer & AFA Parents  
**From:** Dan Ramos  
**Date:** August 7, 2020  
**Re:** School Information Update

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*Dear Parent/Guardian,*

On August 5th, we received notification that a staff member had tested positive for COVID-19. We closed our school building to allow our cleaning professional team to sanitize both the air and surfaces that were deemed contact areas. In consultation with the Children's Home Leadership Team and The Peoria County Health Department, we have taken all the necessary steps for any at risk employee to remain out of the building until safe to return.

We also want to provide additional information on masks. As stated in our July 31<sup>st</sup> memo, face masks are required by all persons at all times while in the building. However, in accordance with ISBE regulations, there is a possibility that your son/daughter may be in a class with a student that has an exemption to wearing a face mask due to a pre-existing medical condition. This is verifiable only by a letter from a medical professional.

We believe in transparency and providing you the most up to date information for you to make informed decisions about your family. Families have elected to enroll in remote learning due to these new circumstances. If you want more information on this, please reach out to school administration and we will work through this with you.

Regrettably, in light of the recent events, we have made the tough decision to delay the start of the school year. Our utmost priority is public health and the safety of all who walk through our doors – students, staff, and visitors.

**Our new start date will be Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The hours will remain the same – 8:30 to 1:30. Remote learning will also begin on this date.**

Flexibility is going to be very important this year. We look forward to an ongoing collaboration with you as we navigate these unique circumstances. We will continue to keep the lines of communication open as we approach the first day of school on Monday, August 17th.

Yours in Education,  
Kiefer & AFA Administration  
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