

MEMO

To: Parents & Guardians
From: Dan Ramos
Date: July 17, 2020
Re: School Information Update



To Our Parents & Guardians:

Today marks the last day of summer school for Kiefer & AFA students. Our students are wonderful examples of resiliency and enthusiasm during these trying times. The creative work and virtual sessions are experiences that will last in all of our memories as "Remember when..." moments. It is my hope that these experiences shape our students positively as they will quickly become the decision makers and leaders in our communities.

As we turn our attention to the start of the 2020-2021 school year, important decisions have been made.

- Kiefer School & The Academy for Autism will **return to in-person instruction** to begin the 2020-21 school year.
- Both schools will attend in person for **5 days a week**.
- Both schools will complete 5 hours per school day with a 1 hour early release. **School hours will be 8:30-1:30**
- The 2020 school year is set to begin on August 12th.

These decisions were made with input from our surrounding school districts, parent surveys, and ISBE guidance. There are many more details about our return to in-person instruction that will be forthcoming. We will soon be able to share our safety plans and how it can impact the school day for your child. Again, I can refer you to The Illinois State Board of Education's guidance on these matters. This document is available at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/covid19.aspx>

As circumstances can change throughout the year, we will operate on this schedule for the first 9 weeks of the school year. (August 12-October 16th). As we approach the end of the 9 week grading period, school administration will re-evaluate all factors and make a schedule recommendation for the next 9 weeks. Our hope is that this allows for some level of consistency and predictability over longer periods of time.

We are in a constant state of collaboration with all of our communities and school officials. We are aware of the need to have up to the minute communication to you and your family as for what to expect next year. We will provide additional information as soon as we are able to do so. I welcome your feedback and my team and I are available to you.

- Please continue to visit www.chail.org for school letters like these, follow Kiefer School on Facebook, or sign up for our parent text notifications through Remind. If you would like assistance with any of these, please call our main office.

Yours in Education,


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