



July 9, 2020

Dear Landsharks,



I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer. Although our faculty and most coaches are enjoying some well-deserved rest, we continue to have a core team of staff at school, working on the safest possible plans for our return to school next month. I want to take this opportunity to share with you what we know so far and what alternatives look like as of today. I also want to remind you to save the date for our annual *Back to The Tank Day* on August 13. Details about *Back to the Tank* will be shared closer to that date.

As you know, there continues to be a degree of uncertainty about how and when schools will reopen. While we are in the business of educating, our priority is always the safety of our students, our faculty and staff. Because current conditions seem to change weekly, any plans I share with you today will most likely change multiple times before school begins. Our detailed Return to School Plan will be released no later than Monday, August 3.

Keep in mind while our model affords us a degree of autonomy, I like to always consider what local districts are doing since those decisions impact our families as well. Our desire is to return to school on-campus with enhanced safety and cleaning procedures. However, we are ready to pivot should the need arise, in order to continue to offer the best learning environment possible for our students.

We will continue to monitor conditions on the ground and follow guidelines from the South Carolina Department of Education (for both academics and athletics), to assist us with our plans to return to school. With this in mind, we are working on a few possible scenarios for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. **Option A-** We would continue school on campus with enhanced safety precautions in place including but not limited to: increased hand sanitizer availability, increased frequency of cleaning of high touch areas, specific entry and exit points, adding additional staff to assist and support with Covid management, protocols for return to school if ill, limited visitation to campus, etc.
2. **Option B-** We would use a combination of distance and face-to-face instruction (hybrid) with the same increased safety and disinfecting measures as listed above.
3. **Option C -** All students would participate in distance learning. This option will be used only if either Option A or B was not possible due to local conditions and/or State mandates.

For families with a medically compromised student(s), those with a higher risk of severe illness, or whose family decides it best to continue their education virtually, we are offering the opportunity to commit for one-year to Oceanside's Distance Learning Choice program. Students will continue their high school and dual enrollment coursework at

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home. For more information on Oceanside's Distance Learning Choice program, [click here](#). In order to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, students who choose this program will need to commit by Friday, July 17th. Please fill out the [Distance Learning Choice program form](#).

**Please note, regardless of what option we start the year with, all currently scheduled on-campus virtual/blended learning classes (English 3 & 4, Algebra 3, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Current Events, Sociology, etc.) will remain at home for the 2020-2021 school year. As a reminder, continue to check your powerschool for courses listed from "HOME".**

I encourage you to frequent our web page and follow our social media for up to date and accurate information. As always, our priority is to keep everyone safe. While we understand each family's situation is uniquely different, please understand we don't have unlimited resources and will do all possible to protect our model and mission of elite academics and elite athletics.

As we continue Oceanside's 2020-2021 Return to School planning process as it pertains to both academics and athletics, we will keep you updated as soon as decisions are made. Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for our students and faculty during these challenging times.

Go Landsharks!!!

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