August 5, 2020

Dear CICS Avalon, Basil, and Washington Park Families,

We recognize we are entering a school year with unprecedented challenges. As a nation, we are wrestling with a global pandemic that continues to have a disproportionate impact on communities of color. We are also experiencing the increased recognition of the historic impact of systemic racism on this country and growing support for the Black Lives Matter movement. As we begin the school year, we are confident in the ability of our teachers, families, and scholars to rise to the moment.

We created our reopening plan based on CDC guidance, Chicago health data, and input from staff and family surveys. We want to thank each of you who completed the July survey. Your top priorities were health and safety and providing your child with high-quality instructional time with their teachers, whether in-person or remote.

The 2020-21 school year for CICS Avalon, Basil, and Washington Park will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. All students will learn at home remotely at least through the month of September. At the end of September, we will review and adjust this plan based on the number of active cases of COVID-19 in Chicago and guidance from public health experts.

Until on-campus learning is an option, we are committed to providing every scholar with high-quality remote learning education. Our remote learning model includes:

- **One-to-one technology**: Every student will have access to a laptop and internet connection if they need it. No exceptions.
- **Exceptional instruction**: Skilled teachers will deliver live and online high-quality lessons.
- **Daily access to a teacher and classmates**: Your child will have access to their teacher(s) five days a week.
- **Enrichment classes**: Students will participate in daily enrichment classes, including art, music, and physical education.
- **Consistent daily schedule**: Students will follow a consistent schedule, allowing you to plan ahead and establish routines.
- **Free meal distribution**: We will offer free meals for pick-up to all families.
Our goal is to bring students back on campus either full or part time as soon as possible. When we transition to having students back on campus, we will take the following precautions to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff:

- All students and staff will be screened for symptoms when they enter the school.
- Students and staff will be required to wear face masks, which we will provide.
- Hand sanitizer will be at all entrances, common spaces, and classrooms.
- Students and staff will maintain physical distancing throughout the school day, including in classrooms.
- Students will spend most of their day with a small group of no more than 15 students in their classrooms.
- Each school will be disinfected nightly, and we will sanitize frequently touched surfaces during the school day.

We will be providing more information about the start of school in the coming weeks. **Please watch for our emails and follow the school’s Facebook page for updates.**

As always, you can reach us by calling the school:

- CICS Avalon - 773.721.0858
- CICS Basil - 773.778.9455
- CICS Washington Park - 773.324.3300

Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of educating your children.

Sincerely,

Stacey Shells Harvey    Lori Flood    Elissa Klein
Chief Executive Officer  Chief Operations Officer    Chief of Staff
ReGeneration Schools    ReGeneration Schools    ReGeneration Schools
August 5, 2020

Dear ReGeneration Families,

We recognize we are entering a school year with unprecedented challenges. As a nation, we are wrestling with a global pandemic that continues to have a disproportionate impact on communities of color. We are also experiencing the increased recognition of the historic impact of systemic racism on this country and growing support for the Black Lives Matter movement. As we begin the school year, we are confident in the ability of our teachers, families, and scholars to rise to the moment.

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The 2020-21 school year for ReGeneration Bond Hill will begin on Monday, August 24th with all students learning at home remotely. Remote learning will continue at least through the month of September. At the end of September, we will review and adjust this plan based on the number of active cases of COVID-19 in Cincinnati and guidance from public health experts.

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As always, you can call the school with any questions at 513.216.9310. Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of educating your children.

Sincerely,

Stacey Shells Harvey  
Chief Executive Officer

Andres Tolentino  
Chief Operating Officer

Elissa Klein  
Chief of Staff