



Important information regarding Julia Goldstein and in-person instruction

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Health of a Lion

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Dear Julia Goldstein Families:

In partnership with Principal Crystal Cauley and the entire Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Center staff, I am delighted to announce that we are discussing a return to school plan for your child.

We will finalize this decision under the lens of a safe, gradual, and kind return to classroom instruction as part of our Health of a Lion plan. Julia Goldstein will be the first school to reopen its classrooms to students. The tentative re-entry date is October 12, 2020.

First, I want parents to know that they will continue to have the option of keeping their children home with full virtual instruction if they are not ready for their child to return to classrooms. Julia Goldstein staff will be reaching out to you individually to discuss whether you plan to have your child attend school in-person or continue to learn from home. We will need a decision from you by Friday, October 2, 2020.

We have had a substantial collaboration with county health officials, staff, and area child care providers that successfully remained open this summer and fall without any need to close. Also, statistics indicate a much lower spread of COVID-19 among younger children, and there are now ongoing recommendations from local and national pediatrician groups encouraging the return of young children to school classrooms.

As we consider returning to the school building, parents can elect to send their children to Julia Goldstein under a model that includes in-person instruction days and distance learning days from home. Under this model, students will come to the building on Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday, depending on their individual assigned days or "cohort." The students will engage in virtual instruction with their teachers on the three days they are not in school. Wednesdays will be dedicated to a deep-cleaning of the building. This hybrid, blended-model will give students and staff a chance to gradually acclimate back to a classroom routine while also adhering to new safety requirements and practices.

Your input and voice matter. **Please plan to join me in a Zoom meeting for all Julia Goldstein families on Wednesday, September 30 at 5 p.m.** We will be able to address any questions you may have and share more details regarding our plan. In advance of that meeting, please register to attend and

share any thoughts or questions that you would like addressed during the meeting at www.ucityschools.org/JGECParentZoom. The meeting will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

In Service of Our Children,

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