Dear CREC Families,

I am writing to share with you our plans for the reopening of schools in the fall. As you know our students missed a good chunk of school in the spring and it is likely that we have lost some ground on their academic development. In addition, many students are suffering from not being able to make in-person connections with their peers and our staff since March 13th. Finally, there may be students who depend on the school system for physical/mental health support and food to provide nutrition. For all of these reasons, we have decided to open our schools to all those who are ready to return.

We understand that there are a myriad of reasons that some individuals may not return to in-person school in August. We are sensitive to the fact that some of our students have underlying health conditions which put them at risk. Others may live with a family member who is particularly susceptible and want to avoid putting that individual at risk. Finally, there may be some parents/guardians who simply feel as though schools are not yet a safe place to send your children. I hear all of you and want to assure you that we are not pressuring you to send your child into an environment that you are not comfortable with. My family and I have followed guidance from the governor and health officials throughout the pandemic, and will continue to wear masks, avoid large gatherings and stay away from those who are particularly vulnerable, including our parents. Opening schools for those who wish to return is not a denial of the science, but an option for those who feel their child will be best served in a school setting.

CREC Magnet Schools will offer parents a choice this fall. Students can return to school Monday thru Friday and take classes with many of your teachers in your CREC regular school as normal, or you can enroll in the CREC Distance Learning Academy (CDLA). We are sharing detailed information and a series of FAQs for each scenario, so that your family can thoroughly discuss the options and then make a commitment. That commitment will be used by our team to staff each of the two options so that we can effectively meet the needs of students based on enrollment. The final plan for each option is dependent upon enrollment numbers, so we cannot yet fully commit to what each option will and will not have available, but you can find some of the basics below:

**Back to CREC Regular School Option** - The plan for this option varies from school to school based on grade configuration, facility, theme and enrollment on August 26, but here are some foundational elements you should find in every school, as well as links to the CREC District Plan to Reopen and Re-Engage and your CREC school’s building reopen plan:

1) **Buses will run** to bring students to and from school. Parents who want to transport their children can do so, but there is not reimbursement for gas.
2) Classes will be set up for an average **class size of 22** in each room. Some furniture has been removed, and students are socially distanced to the greatest extent
possible.. We will not be deliberately cutting class sizes down to 11; we simply do not have enough staff to do that. If students in a particular class choose to stay home and be on CDLA, we can move the seats further apart. As students return seats will be moved closer together again.

3) All staff are required to wear a mask. Students in grades 1 through 12 are expected to wear a mask from the time they arrive on campus until they leave. Students must also wear their mask on the bus. There may be medical exceptions on a case by case basis with a doctor's note and those students will be provided with shields. Masks will be provided for students or staff who need one. We have also ordered face shields for both staff and students to use as needed.

4) Students will have recess and mask breaks outside more often than usual and teachers are encouraged to open windows and/or hold classes outside when possible.

5) Students will be grouped into cohorts and take classes and lunch with those cohorts to the greatest extent possible, limiting the interaction they have with the rest of the students and staff. Cohorts will vary from school to school and will only apply to the regular school day. Students who ride the bus to school or participate in after school activities will come into contact with individuals outside of their cohort.

6) Instruction during classes will be more traditional than a typical CREC day. We will limit the use of student groups, shared instructional materials, common computers or lab stations until we feel it is safe to reintroduce those activities.

7) Most teachers will be regular certified CREC Employees, but substitute teachers will be utilized as needed.

8) CREC schools will message families that have opted to return to school in-person a confirmation email on August 14. Schools will also email schedules and class information on August 24.

CREC Magnet Schools Plan to Reopen and Re-Engage - ENGLISH VERSION/ SPANISH VERSION

English Version CREC Two Rivers Magnet School Re-Opening Plan

Spanish Version CREC Two Rivers Magnet School Re-Opening Plan

CDLA - CREC Distance Learning Academy

1) Students will be assigned to district classrooms based on grade level. Students will not be assigned a teacher from their CREC regular school, and theme-based classes will not be offered.

2) High school students will be assigned courses based on graduation requirements, and some electives found in our five high schools will not be available in CDLA.

3) Classes will be taught by certified CREC teachers who have volunteered to teach in CDLA.

4) Counselors, Social Workers and SPED teachers will be available for CDLA students.
5) Students will be provided with a **device** to access learning, and can request a hot spot if they do not have access to the internet.

6) Class sizes in CDLA will average **22 students** based on enrollment.

7) The schedule for the day will resemble a **normal schedule** at the brick and mortar school to the greatest extent possible, including recess and lunch which will not be supervised by the teacher.

8) Students will be responsible for their own **lunch**.

9) Students who are enrolled in CDLA will not be able to attend before/after care, participate in athletics or attend CREC regular **school activities / events**.

10) Students who enroll in CDLA by **August 2, 11:59 PM** will receive a confirmation email from the CDLA administrator, confirming their acceptance by **August 14**. On **August 24**, enrolled students will receive their CDLA schedule and access instructions for classes.

To indicate your preference for the start of the 2020-21 school year, please complete the below form by **11:59 PM, Sunday, August 2, 2020**. While this form will remain open until the start of school, please be aware that forms completed after August 2, indicating enrollment in CDLA, run the risk of a delayed start in CDLA while appropriate additional staff is put in place.

**CREC Re-Open FAQ for Families**  
**CREC Distance Learning FAQ for Families**

(For translations, after clicking either link, click the "Tools" header, then, "Translate")

**CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle School 2020-21 School Enrollment Choice**

CREC Schools Superintendent, Tim Sullivan will be hosting five zoom meetings on Wednesday, July 22 to provide answers to questions that you may have. You should join the zoom meeting that aligns with your grade configuration. These meetings are limited to 1 hour and you can submit your questions into the chat. If you are unable to join the zoom meeting, you can send them to **tsullivan@crec.org**. Your questions and our answers will be added to the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) so everyone can see them.

**Wednesday, July 22 Info Meetings for CREC Parents / Guardians**

- **2:00pm - 3:00pm Spanish Family Meeting - All Grades**  
  [https://crec.zoom.us/j/93204888738](https://crec.zoom.us/j/93204888738)  
  Meeting ID: 932 0488 8738  
  Find your local number: [https://crec.zoom.us/u/acusHkzXD](https://crec.zoom.us/u/acusHkzXD)
4:00pm - 5:00pm  Pre-K and Kindergarten:
https://crec.zoom.us/j/94662904111?pwd=b2hzOGl5eUdneldpWGdjcxjcHJKdz09
Meeting ID: 946 6290 4111
Password: crecmag
One tap mobile
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5:00pm - 6:00pm  Elementary - Grades 1 to 5:
https://crec.zoom.us/j/92521244776?pwd=NmQ2aFJpa0NLZTZIblIVkJkS251dVJUT09
Meeting ID: 925 2124 4776
Password: crecmag
One tap mobile
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6:00pm - 7:00pm  Secondary - Grades 6 - 12:
https://crec.zoom.us/j/98893348698?pwd=UlRYaWhmbUdQN1ZPUlZkZnkvSzZiQT09
Meeting ID: 988 9334 8698
Password: crecmag
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7:00pm - 8:00pm  CDLA Parents:
https://crec.zoom.us/j/94458308674?pwd=YkJqM3dyR3YwZ1laR2JJNWdnNzdLQT09
Meeting ID: 944 5830 8674
Password: crecmag
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I will be sending another document following this one that will go through a day in the life of your child, that should answer more questions. I will also schedule a zoom Q and A for Thursday. More information to come.

Be well,

Timothy J. Sullivan
Superintendent

Jill. E. Wnuk
Principal