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We know that the holistic well being of our students - including social and emotional health - is deeply connected to educational and lifelong outcomes.

With this recognition in mind, it is ACPA's full intention to welcome students back into the school building in a hybrid-learning format this fall. In all likelihood, most students will spend part of the school week in the school building and the rest of the week learning at home. This will decrease the total number of people in the building each day that will allow us to carefully observe the safety precautions required by the Ohio Department of Education.

With that said, we also plan to give families the ***option to select an all-digital learning program*** that is teacher paced and will still offer opportunities for teacher and peer interactions through video conferencing and live stream classes. We intend to release more information on ***specific plans by mid-July.***

The guiding principles in our learning plan will be:

- 1) Balancing student safety with access to high quality academic and arts education
- 2) Prioritizing student social, emotional, and physical well-being
- 3) Ensuring strict safety protocols that will allow students to be in the building for the duration of the year
- 4) Enhanced strategies for communication with parents and guardians
- 5) Going above and beyond state safety precautions to ensure the health and safety of our community members.

We learned a lot from our digital learning initiatives in March, April, and May of 2020 - including all the constructive feedback we received from students, parents, and guardians through various surveys, phone, and email communications. In response, ACPA staff is spending this summer engaging in enhanced remote and hybrid learning training so that we can provide your student with the best education possible, no matter what the future holds.

This is a wonderful moment to lean on that which binds us - our belief in innovative education that puts students first, a vibrant and energetic community of learners, world-class arts education that can help to change people's hearts and connect us to one another, and our values of kindness, participation, and communication that keep us tied to one another.

Thank you for being part of our community.

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